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3,500 LIVES LOST ON THIS SPOT.



The pillar on the right commemorates the fact that the few feet of earth shown in this photograph cost the Japanese 3,500 lives. It is at Nanshan, where General Oku's men made their charge on the Russian position.—(Underwood and Underwood.)

OFF FOR THE HOLIDAYS!



General holiday leave is a great feature in the British Navy just now, and Portsmouth wears the appearance of a school at breaking-up time. Train loads of Tars leave for all parts of the country.

THE DANISH CHRISTMAS CARD.



In Denmark everyone is using a reproduction of this beautiful photograph for conveying their Christmas greetings. It is the latest portrait of the Royal and Imperial sisters of Great Britain and Russia. Queen Alexandra and the Dowager-Empress of Russia are both very popular in Copenhagen

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PERSONAL.

T. C.—Dearcst, your absence has spoilt my Christmas. It was not fair of you.—M. L.

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REBERT.—Going to Scotland on Auld Year's Nicht.

Tis a year since last we met.—AMY.

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WINTER BRONCHITIS. THE REV. W. W. TULLOCH, D.D., BONAR BRIDGE, N.E., writes:—"I have been a martyr to asthma all my life, and lately to chronic winter bronchitis. I have found Veno's Lightning Cough Cure a valuable mathein?"

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THE REV. W. DACRE, 5, COLLEGE VILLAS-ROAD, SOUTH HAMPSTEAD, LONDON, writes:—"I have a high opinion of Veno's Lightning Cough Cure. I have used it with much benefit to myself, and have recommended it to others. E. MLAREN DYRES, 11, WOBURN-ROAD, BEDFORD, a well-known preacher and public speaker, writes:—"I strongly recommend Veno's Lightning Cough Cure to all public speakers who suffer as I have done from the throat. It is truly a wonderful remedy, very pleasant to

THROAT TROUBLES.

REV. TAYLOR, THE MANSE, FARRINGDON, BERKS, wrote on Saturday last, saying:—"Last year you were kind enough to give me some of your Lightning Cough Cure for use among our poor people. We found it of the greatest possible use; the people were much delighted, and found great benefit from it. I am constantly asked for it by the people who are too poor to purchase."

SCIENTIFIC ANALYSIS.

BRONCHITIS.

W. LASCELLES-SCOTT, F.S.Sc. (LONDON), Chemical Analyst, Little Ilford, Essex, Lecturer on Chemistry and Hygiene, in his certificate of analysis, among other things says:—"Veno's Lightning Cough Cure appears to owe its remarkable effectiveness, according to my analytical results, mainly to the joint action of certain salines and the extract of a peculiar and little-known American plant. I have great pleasure in certifying that, in my opinion, Veno's Lightning Cough Cure is an exceptionally pure, safe, and effective preparation."

CHRONIC BRONCHITIS AND ASTHWA.

and effective preparation.

MR. CLARK, 58, NELSON-STREET, ABERDEEN, writes: — "I have been suffering many years with chronic bronchitis and asthma. For a long time I was in a low state, having been weakened by continual vomiting and spitting of b'ood. In July last I commenced taking Yeo's Lightning Cough Cure; I had then been off work six months. The first dose gave me relief, and I rapidly improved. I am now cured, enjoying good health, quite a new man; everybody is surprised. I breathe freely, my cough and vomiting is stopped. I cannot realise, after so much doctoring and suffering, liow your Cough Cure has cured me so quickly."

now your Cough Cure has cured me so quickly:"

F. EAMES, ESQ., 43, DUPONT-ROAD, RAVNES PARK, SURREY, writes, October 4th, 1908:—"Many thanks to you for the advertisement in the "Evening News" of your cure for Catarth. I had been suffering
from this complaint for upwards of six weeks, being quite hoarse, and also
very deaf. I tried a doctor, but found no relief; in fact, was worse. I
might mention that I took two bottles of Veno's Lightning Cough Cure, and
am pleased to say I have quite recovered from catarth and the deafness
resulting from it."

CHILDREN'S COUGHS.

CATARRH.

MRS. ADA S. BALLIN, 5, AGAR-STREET, LONDON, Editor of "Womanhood," writes:—"Veno's Lightning Cough Cure is an exceedingly successful remedy; it is very pleasant to take, and the relief it gives is very rapid. The preparation is perfectly safe for children."

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WARRIAGES.

BOSWALL.—On Christmas Eve, at Blackadder, Phoebe, wife of Sir George Houstonn Boswall, Bart., of Blackadder, Funcral to-morrow, at 1.30. CARLEY.—On December 25, Arthur Edward Carey, of The Gien, Shorklands, Kont, and Lloyds, London, aged 39

years.

OURAGE—On December 22, at Hassendean, New Church-nord, Hove, Sussex, Arthur Howard, second son of late ARLAY.—On Pamber 25 at 10, The Crescent, Scar-borough, Henry Darley, Esquire, of Aldby Park, York, aged 65 years.

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CRUISERS AT SINGAPORE.

Ready To Try Conclusions with the Baltic Fleet

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

TOK10, Monday.-An officer from Moji states that the north front of the Keekwan fort co a view of the inner harbour not obtainable from 203

Metre Hill.

It is therefore no longer possible for the remaining Russian destroyers, which have hitherto been most skilfully concealed, to escape destruction.

On the 19th the Japanese signalled to the hospital ships which were protecting the destroyers, requiring them to change their berths. The Russians, in reply, asked for six hours' grace, which meant that they would reap the advantage of the darkness coming on. The officer does not know the sequel to this incident.

The Press here refers in glowing terms to the achievement of Togo. Heretofore several Generals have returned to Japan leaving their tasks unfinished. Admiral Togo, however, has now concluded the first stage of the operations at Port Arthur, and the should not hesitate to accept the nation's welcome, which would be commensurate with his glory and fame.

TRUST IN THE NAVY.

The annihilation of the Port Arthur squadron virtually means the fall of the stronghold. The attention of the Navy will henceforward be turned in other directions, and to issues of growing im-

The reliance of the people on the efficiency of their Navy is supreme, and there is no fear for its future. Japan is prepared to welcome the second Russian squadron, or, for that matter, the entire European fleet of Russia. It is presumed that the object of sending the Japanese converted cruisers to Singapore is to watch the neutral ports, which may possibly extend facilities to the enemy.

Some prisoners at Moji state that of 3,000 Russians engaged in the defence of the Keekwan fort only six companies survived.

MARTIAL TOKIO.

Busy Drilling an Enormous Army for Marshal Ovama.

TOKIO, Sunday.-Tokio is again a great military

Tokto, summary camp.

Thousands of recruits and reservists are assembled in the capital, and everywhere the new troops are drilling and receiving equipment preparatory to taking the field.

The general military preparations are on an enormous scale. It is planned to bring up Marshal Qyama's command to half a million of men, besides heavily reinforcing the artillery at his discount.

posal.

Keelung (Formosa) has been declared to be in a state of siege, and other precautions are being taken in Formosa and the Pescadores.—Reuter.

STOESSEL'S APPEAL FOR WOUNDED.

Rome, Monday.—A Chifu telegram says that General Stoessel has made an appeal to the humanitarian feelings of the Japanese besieging force to allow the numerous Russian wounded to be taken away from Port Arthur. He proposes to remove them during the Russian Christmas, suspending hostilities for twenty-four hours.

EXCURSIONS TO PORT ARTHUR.

YOKOHAMA, Monday.—The steamer Manshu Maru left here to-day for the neighbourhood of Port-Arthur. She has on board ten foreign attachés, four members of the House of Peers, seventeen members of the House of Representatives, a secretary of the Diet, and a lieutenant-commander. No Press representatives are on hoard.

The voyage is expected to occupy about three weeks.—Reuter.

CHINESE TRAITORS PUNISHED.

Rome, Monday.—A telegram which has been received here from General Nogi's headquarters states that six Chinamen have been hanged on the ramparts of one of the forts protecting Port Arthur. With the aid of field-glasses it is apparent that placards bearing the word "Traitor" have been placed beneath the executed men.—Exchange.

WEI-HAI-WEI'S ONLY WEDDING.

In the latest official report on Wei-hai-wei it is

In the latest official report on wel-native, it is lamented that "in marriages have taken place there since its occupation by the British Government." The clergyman has since had his opportunity. Police-inspector Young has recently been married there to Miss M. M. Williams, formerly of Shanghai, and the unique occasion was fittingly celebrated.

CZAR'S MANIFESTO.

Innovations.

The Tsar issued the long-expected manifesto

As was anticipated, it will prove a disappointing document to those who hoped for any considerable institutional reforms.

In the preface, the manifesto states that funda-mental changes in the Government of Russia are

Certain concessions to the popular demands will, however, be granted.

Although according to the manifesto the Tsar regards it as the duty of the Government to meet changes when shown to be necessary, even though the transformation involves essential innovations in legislation, it is stated that this matter is already under investigation.

At the same time it is pointed out that the initial proposals of the Ministry of the Interior are being investigated, and that conferences are being held by commissioners regarding the most important questions of peasant life.

The commissioners in these two matters will, according to the manifesto, labour to bring the laws regarding peasants into unity with general Imperial legislation.

legislation.

The tone of the manifesto was anticipated som days ago. It was then stated that M. de Witte had warned the Tsar in so many words that a refusal to grant reform would be the signal for a

FAMOUS AERONAUT DEAD.

Rev. J. M. Bacon, Who Gave Up Religious Work for Ballooning.

The Rev. J. M. Bacon, the famous aeronaut died yesterday at his residence, Coldash, near

Newbury.

Mr. Bacon, who was fifty-eight years of age, was deeply interested in ballooning from his early

REV: J. M. BACON,



The celebrated and intrepid balloonist, who died yesterday.

boyhood, but owing to his delicate health in youth he made no ascent till middle life.

Twenty-seven years ago Mr. Bacon gave up his clerical work and devoted himself to science. It was with the object of carrying out researches into the science of sound that he made the innumerable balloon trips which have earned him fame.

Many are the exciting incidents in his aerial career. On one occasion he was meditating a descent on Brompton when the street lamps were lit suddenly, and his balloon narrowly escaped catching fire.

On another occasion Mr. Bacon, with his daughter, lost his bearings in a sea mist, and floated in space

On another occasion Mr. Bacon, with his daughter, lost his bearings in a sea mist, and floated in space for ten hours. Fearing he would be carried out to sea he dropped dozens of telegram forms bearing the following message:—
"Urgent. Large balloon from Newbury travelling overhead—above clouds. Cannot descend. Telegraph to sea-coast (coastguards) to be ready to rescue."

Eventually, however, the mist cleared, and Mr. Bacon descended within a mile of the coast. ____

EASY WAY OF RAISING £200.

Walking into Plymouth Post Office yesterday, a gentleman, who described himself as a theatrical advance agent from London, was supplied at his request with 200 £1 postal orders.

Leaving the building, however, without the necessary preliminary of paying for the orders, he was shortly afterwards arrested in an adjoining tobacconists. He had cashed one of the orders, but the remainder were recovered, and now the police have tharge of him.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Our special weather forecast for to-day is: -North-easterly breezes; cloudy or misty generally; cold; frost in places inland. Lighting-up time, 4.55 p.m. Sea passages will be smooth generally.

BISHOP ON TRIAL.

Accused of Conspiring With American Woman to Ruin a Rector.

Two American clerics and a fascinating woman are mixed up in a complicated controversy, the elucidation of which is to be left to a court of inquiry, who will decide whether Bishop Ethelburt Talbot, of Central Pennsylvania, shall undergo trial for serious charges.

Mrs. Emma D. Elliott, the lady in question, is half-sister of Mrs. Oliver Belmont, mother of the Duchess of Marlborough. She is said to have had four husbands, and when a Dr. Irvine had charge of Huntingdon Church, Mrs. Elliott, a prominent and wealthy member of his flock, had a dispute about church funds given by her, and she openly charged Dr. Irvine with misappropriation and

charged Dr. Irvine with misappropriation and forgery.

Learning the hady's domestic history, the doctor put a hypothetical case to Bishop. Talbot, and receiving a reply that in such a case it was his duty to refuse Communion to the woman, Dr. Irvine struck Mrs. Elliott off the church rolls.

Dr. Irvine being arrested on her accusation of forgery, Bishop Talbot is said to have written to Mrs. Elliott: "If he is convicted in a court of record, I'll unfrock the slimy fellow."

Although he was acquitted the Bishop unfrocked him, and now his lordship is charged with conspiring with Mrs. Elliott to ruin Dr. Irvine, and with making dishonourable and unauthorised use of the names of fellow-bishops in a letter tending to injure the doctor.

MURDER CLUB.

League of Siberian Peasants Kill Their Aged on Plea of Mercy.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

TOMSK, Dec. 16.-The trial of the three brothers Pistseff for conspiring to murder, at Kainsk, has brought to light a semi-criminal society of an un-

The society was known as the "League of Pitiful Deliverance," and its object was to put out of pain all persons suffering from schile decay and from

all persons suffering from schile decay and from painful and incurable diseases. Peasant members of the league were in the habit of meeting in a hut situated in the backwoods, where they held solemn tibunals, at which the fitness of their aged and infirm relatives to live was settled by vote.

The subject of the proceedings was seated on a high chair, and himself offered his opinion as to whether he should live or dic. If the verdict was death he was taken into a grove, laid in a deep grave, and his jugulat vein opened.

The relatives of a prosperous peasant woman, named Mahinsky, finally tried to take advantage of this extraordinary system to put her away and seize her money.

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The Court decreed that Malinsky must die,

The Court decreed that Mainisky must die, whereupon she pretended to swoon.

As it was against the tenets of the league to kill people while unconscious, the execution was post-poned. Malinsky escaped by night, and sought refuge with the police.

ADVENTUROUS BABY.

Sets Out with Her Doll and Travels Three Miles on an Omnibus.

Growing impatient perhaps of waiting for her mother, who was going to take her to a neighbour's with some Christmas presents, Tiny, the two-year-old deaf and dumb daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Porter, of Durham-road, East Finchley, toddled off alone with her doll.

It was some time before the child was missed, but as soon as she was a search was instituted.

The child was traced to the Bald-Faced Stag, where she was seen to mount a Charing Cross omnibus.

Messages were sent to all the police stations in the neighbourhood, and at last Tiny was discovered safe and sound at the Upper Holloway police station, three miles from home.

GOVERNMENT STOP NEWSPAPERS.

Belgrade, Monday.—An army officer, who was seen to leave the residence of the editor of the anti-regicide journal "Oppositia" has been dismissed the service.

To-day the authorities forcibly prevented the printing of two Opposition newspapers.—Reuter.

MUSIC AND BIGOTRY.

Mr. Chamberlain Joins in an Interesting Dispute.

NEW YEAR "DESECRATION."

Birmingham has found a piquant topic in anti-cipation of New Year's Day, arising from the simple incident that 1905 makes its entry on a

imple incident that 1906 makes its entry on a uniday. On that day it has been arranged to have a nilitary church parade of the Coldstream Guards, low on a recruiting visit to the city, and a sacred oncert by the Coldstreams band on the Sunday vening, at which the Lord Mayor and Mr. Cham-erlain have consented to speak. All this strikes Mr. Alexander M. Chance, chair-nan of the licensing bench, as a desecration of the bunday, and he has addressed a circular to the ocal clergy, protesting against the military parade and the concert.

and the concert.

After asking if such "desecration" of the first
Sunday in the new year is to be tolerated, Mr.
Chance suggests that the Lord Mayor and Archdeacon Diggle have been duped, and that in the
circumstances all official receptions should be summissilaranees.

"OUR OWN REGIMENT."

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Mr. Chamberhain has made the following interesting statement on the subject to the "Birmingham Evening Dispatch":—

"Mr. Chance is acting under some extraordinary-misapprehension. There is no plot, and nobody has been duped.

"The officers of the Coldstream Guards have patriotically decided to take the opportunity of the ordinary Christmas furlough to bring the band to Birmingham, and to give a formal character to the visit. It would be a disgrace to our city if we did not welcome the splendid regiment which on a hundred fields has fought for King and country, and which during the last century has drawn a large portion of its recruits from Birmingham, so that it may almost be said that it is our regiment. "I do not understand what is meant in such a case by 'desecration of the Sabbath.' The soldier is quite as religious as some who make more profession, and he is always ready to give his life in the cause of duty.

"The service in our parish church and the religious music in our City Hall are not open to any objection, and I should have thought that Mr. Chance would be the first to welcome such a celebrated regiment."

Mr. Austen Chamberlain, M.P., also favoured

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Mr. Austen Chamberlain, M.P., also favoured the "Evening Dispatch" with his views on the subject. "Had there been anything of an offen-sive nature in the programme arranged," said the Chancellor of the "Excheguer, "we may be sure our archdeacon would not have countenanced it." Mr. Austen Chamberlain expressed the loope that the Press and all loyal citizens would do their utmost to make the visit a success.

DISPUTE IN THE RIGGING.

Evil Passions on Board Ship Lead to a Tragedy.

The captain of the ship Norwood, which has arrived at Gravesend from Manilla with a cargo of hemp, reports that a terrible crime was committed during the voyage.

The Norwood left Manilla about 170 days ago, and when some days out it was noticed that the acting first made was not on good terms with the rest of the crew.

It is said that one days the first made followed one

It is said that one day the first mate followed one of the crew up the rigging to the topsail-yard, and luring a struggle struck him on the head with a nuckle-duster.

knuckle-duster.

A few days afterwards, the man who was assaulted stabbed, it is said, the first mate, who lingered on for a time and then died, and was buried at sea.

The man was at once put in irons and at Gravesend was handed over to the police.

OSTRICH-LIKE CHANCELLOR.

OFIRICH-LINE CHANCELLON.

Mr. T. Gibson Bowles, M.P., in a letter issued yesterday, reaffirms his statement that the assets of the Post Office Savings Bank are insufficient to meet the liabilities by nearly 4815,000,000, and repeats his demand for the publication of a complete balance-sheet.

"H," he says, "while refusing the full balance-sheet, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, nevertheless publishes, as this year he has, the balance itself, he will be reversing the proceeding of the ostrich without adding to its wisdom by hiding the least important parts to the view of the hunters."

ENORMOUS LAKE DISAPPEARING.

Lake Tchad is disappearing, say two French naval officers who have been exploring in the vicinity of this mysterious sheet of water. It is being swallowed up by the surrounding desert at the rate of five inches a year, and soon will exist only in the geography book.

____ Inayatulla Khan, eldest son of the Ameer of Afghanistan, arrived at Calcutta, yesterday, to pay Lord Curzon a ceremonial visit.

After burning for about a week, a fire at Cartonwood Colliery, near Barnsley, became so serious yesterday that all the men, ponies, and cages had to be withdrawn.

LORD SUFFOLK MARRIED.

Miss Daisy Leiter Becomes an English Countess.

QUIET CEREMONY.

The Earl of Suffolk, A.D.C. to Lord Curzon was married yesterday in Washington to Miss Daisy Leiter, Lady Curzon's sister.

The ceremony was as simple and unostentatious as the wedding of Major Campbell and Miss Nancy Leiter on November 29, when the Earl of Suffolk

was best man.

The licence was obtained but a few days ago, and the arrangements were kept secret. Only relatives and most intimate friends were invited, twenty in all.

twenty in all.

The Rev. Roland Cotton Smith, rector of St.

John's, Washington, took the service. There was
no profusion of wedding gowns and jewels; all
present were dressed quietly, but in good taste.

The Bride and Groom.

The bride is a typical American, and the Earl was first attracted to her by her frank behaviour at the Delhi Durbar. She would not cuttes to her sister, Lady Curzon, at the Viceregal house-party—she protested she was "a free-born American." She is very like Lady Curzon, and some think her more beautiful. She is slender and graceful, and has wavy dark hair, lustrous dark eyes, and a lovely complexion.

The bridegroom has been Earl of Suffolk since 1898, and he is now only twenty-seven. He is a good ameter actor, sings well, is a good shot.

The bridgegoom has been Lair of solutions and 1898, and he is now only twenty-seven. He is a good amateur actor, sings well, is a good shot, and a capable cricketer.

The Earl and Countess took train yesterday for the Hot Springs, in Virginia, where they are to spend the first portion of their honeymoon.

After they leave the Hot Springs, they will



THE COUNTESS OF SUFFOLK.

travel for a while with the Riviera as their ultimate

travel for a while with the Riviera as their ultimate destination.

Major and Mrs. Colin Campbell are to be there at the same time, and also Lady Curzon.

There will be a family reunion, and the sisters will discuss plans for the future.

The idea at present is that they are to sail with Lady Curzon, when she goes to India, and this programme will probably be carried out.

In that case, as soon as the ship carrying her three daughters and their husbands has left port, Mrs. Leiter and her son, Joseph, will return to Chicago, where their home is.

"HOUSEWIFE" FOR TOMMY.

British troops of all arms enlisted in India are in future to be provided with a "housewife." It is to be part of the free kit of necessaries, and has been duly looked into, approved, and notified by the Government of India, and included in the Army Orders.

It must be added in haste that the "housewife" is an inanimate contrivance for keeping needles, wins, cotton, etc.

pins, cotton, etc

SANDRINGHAM CHRISTMAS-TREE.

The great event at Sandringham yesterday was the dismantling of the King's giant Christmas-tree. Queen Alexandra took the greatest possible interest in the proceedings, to which all the servants of the household, with their families, were invited. In the morning the King took a walk over his estate, while several of his guests went shooting.

QUEEN'S THOUSAND DINNERS.

Queen Alexandra contributed the first thousand dinners to the 6,000 provided by the Church Army to the poor at their labour homes on Christmas Day and yesterday.

IN HOPELESS POVERTY.

Verge of Starvation.

The misery and distress in the Canning Town district of West Ham were very apparent yesterday in the faces of the out-of-work victims who wandered aimlessly through the cheerless streets.

The majority of them walked about because they had nowhere else to go, and they were too restless and unhappy to stay all day in their poverty-stricken homes.

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per head a week—and 30 per cent. of the inhabitants at the rate of 9s. a head per week—below the poverty-line. What is defined by the term poverty-line is a sum of 4s. 4d. per head per week for a family of five persons. This is based upon a scale slightly lower than the diet of workhouses. It does not admit of the purchase of tobacco, beer, or fresh meat, or any kind of thrift.

The majority of the inhabitants of South West Ham are unskilled labourers, for whom the continuous introduction of machinery into the docks has meant at least partial loss of occupation.

The outlook in the town of Waltham Abbey forms a pleasing contrast to West Ham. There all the unemployed have got work in the gunpowder factory, and for its size Waltham Abbey is one of the most prosperous towns in the kingdom.

The Poplar Borough Council have stuck to their relief works for the unemployed right through the boildays, and this has enabled hundreds of the poorest inhabitants to purchase food and coal over Christmas.

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The Works Committee reported yesterday that £2,900 was being spent upon works for the un-employed, and additional works to the amount of £3,000 were to be recommended to the council.

Practically the whole amount would be spent upon unskilled labour.

BRAVE LADY CASHIER.

Struggles with a Man Who Tried to Rob Her of £350.

A daring attempt was made to rob a lady cashier of £350 at Glasgow.

Miss May Sinclair was returning from the bank with the money which constituted the wage-bill of her employers when she was attacked on the stairs leading to the office by a powerfully-built man, who made violent exertions to possess himself of

the gold.

Miss Sinclair, however, held pluckily to the bag, and, fighting desperately, screamed for help.

On the arrival of a constable the man ran away, but after a long chase he was captured and taken to the police station.

REVIVAL MARVELS.

How a Child's Prayer Brought Her Parents to the Penitents' Form.

The revival in Wales is being conducted with feverish energy during the holidays, and the effect is felt by the local tradesmen. Publicans complained that their trade yesterday was very slow, and the Christmas has been the dullest within the memory of the oldest. The crusade against football continues, and a notable "convert" has just been gaised in the person of Albert Lockley, the famous Welsh international centre forward, who is also a fine cricketer.

At Ruabon an extraordinary scene took place. A little girl of nine interrupted at a crowded meeting with a request that she might pray for the conversion of her parents. She offered a long petition with an eloquence unnatural to childhood. Towards the end of it sobs were heard, and her father and mother, broken with emotion, advanced to the penitents form.

£100,000 THROUGH A CREST.

How a Searcher of Heralds' College Records Found a Fortune.

A Londoner has just come into a splendid for-tune in a rather interesting way. A few months ago, while searching the records of Heralds' Col-lege for the purpose of tracing the genealogy of the family, he ascertained that a lady of the same name was using the crest that his father regarded as his own.

A correspondence (says the "City Press") was at once commenced, the relationship between the two branches of the family was established, and visits were exchanged.

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The long-lost, or at any rate long-undiscovered consis has now died, and her entire property has been left to the searcher amongst the records. The estate represents, at the very least, upwards of £100.000

ROADSIDE TRAGEDY.

On Christmas night a schoolmaster, named Thomas Tully, was found dead in the road near Ballyharse. He had received several stabs in the head and face. The police are investigating the

"BOXMAS" DAY.

How West Ham Is Always on the Many Weddings, Much Amusement, and Little Rowdiness.

> It was Christmas Day and Boxing Day combined. Half London made yesterday Christmas and will keep high holiday again to-day

> The day began with the annual requests for Christmas-boxes from newspaper boys, carol

From 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. there was a continual progress of bridal couples. Before all the churches and chapels lay a thick carpet of confetti. Even in

and chapels lay a thick carpet of confetti. Even in the fog it was easy to find a church. For Boxing Day the police courts were remarkably quiet. There were very few "holiday cases." At Stratford, E., there were only eleven prisoners, the chairman of the Bench remarking that there had not been such a small list of charges on Boxing Day for fifteen years. It was probably due either to want of money or, as he hoped, to people becoming more sober.

People turned out in time to go to the morning performances at Hengler's and the Coliseum. The novelty of going to a theatre or circus before lunch was much appreciated.

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More than 25,000 persons visited the Crystal Palace during the day.

London will be quiet again to-day. Most of the shops will remain closed, and the great returning from country visits does not set in till this evening.

GIRLS IN PAPER DRESSES.

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Fancy-dress costumes of paper were the chief feature at the annual dinner yesterday of the orphan girls in the Royal Victoria Patriotic Asylum at Wandsworth Common. Three hundred comely British girls, ranging from seven to sixteen years old, daughters all of soldiers, sailors, and marines, took part in the festival.

Every girl's fancy-dress and headgear were made entirely of paper. Miss Chrysanthemum flaunted here, and a little way off flamed an English rose, while the shamrock sported gaily at another table.

The dresses were all conceived and "built" by the girls themselves, and silks and satins could not have produced hals so delightful an effect.

SHIP'S CREW POISONED.

Three Wien Die on a Vessel Flying the Red Star Flag.

From some mysterious cause, three deaths have occurred on a cargo steamer which put into Plymouth, yesterday, for medical assistance, and

mouth, yesterday, for medical assistance, and eight others of the crew have been incapacitated from duty.

The vessel is the steamer Europe, a cargo-boat in the service of the Red Star Line, running between Antwerp and New York.

On Friday she left Antwerp, and on the following day the crew were seized with a mysterious illness, most of them being affected with vomiting and severe pains. So serious did the outbreak appear that it was decided to put into Plymouth for assistance, but before that port was reached one of the seamen had died, and two others have succumbed since the vessel arrived.

Of the crew of thirty-eight, only two men besides the officers have escaped the mysterious sickness. The port medical officer at Plymouth has diagnosed the sickness as being due to metallic or ptomaine poisoning, and the former is suspected, as the men's food has been cooked in copper utensils.

BABY THROWN IN A CELLAR.

Roughs Wreck a House During an Extraordinary Christmas Day Visit.

An extraordinary story of a Christmas Day visit was told at Kingston Police Court yesterday.

James Stafford and William Reeves, it was stated, went to the house of George McLaren, at Thames Ditton, on Christmas Day, broke open the door with the front the front and thrust the broken gate that the front from window.

Aft the standard standard from the front on window the rashed into the house, and, picking up the youngest baby, deliberately threw it into the coal-cellar. James Stafford and William Reeves, it was

One witness said the kitchen was like a slaughter-house, and another said the house was a perfect

For assaulting Mr. and Mrs. McLaren, Stafford was sent to prison for two months and Reeves for three months.

NO REPRIEVE FOR JEFFRIES.

In the case of Arthur Jeffries, under sentence of death for the murder of a fellow-poacher at Rother-ham, the Home Secretary has intimated that the law must take its course. The execution will accordingly take place at

Leeds to-morrow morning.

A cabdriver, fined at Highgate for drunkenness, pleaded that his horse was hot-headed.

TRAGEDY RE-ENACTED

Reconstructing the Scene of the Syveton Mystery.

DEAD DEPUTY'S INTRIGUE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

PARIS, Monday.—Another attempt to get at the truth concerning the death of M. Gabriel Syveton was made this morning, when a number of medical men and other experts paid a visit to the residence of Mme. Syveton to "reconstruct" the tragedy which took place there on December 8.

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When the furniture had been arranged as on the day of the tragedy, a detective, whose physical proportions are similar to those of the late deputy, and the state of the late deputy, and the late of the

discovered.

The history of the Syveton mystery was begun in the Daily Mirror yesterday, when it was told how M. Syveton first met his wife, and how he took her to Paris with her beaufird. Little daughter Marguerite. It is continued below.

Shortly after the Syvetons were married they went to live in Brittany. They had Marguerite with them. One day Dr. Barnay, a Parisian



MME. SYVETON.

medical man, who had married M. Syveton's sister, received a strange telegram. He was surprised to have a communication from his brother-in-law, because there had been some coolness between them.

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The telegram said: "We are coming up to Paris with Marguerite. Meet us." It gave the railway station and time of arrival.

M. Barnay kept the appointment. His wife told him that she suspected the sudden hurrying up to town must have something to do with Marguerite's health.

What M. Syyeton had to say proved that Mme. Barnay was right. Marguerite had some most peculiar fancies, said her stepfather. She was making charges that served to show that her mind was morbid, and that her reason was in danger.

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Dr. Barnay took her to another doctor and they examined her mental state, showing to her that what she imagined must be untrue.

Better at School.

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It was felt that under the circumstances it would be best for her to spend some time at a school before returning home. So she was put under the care of the nuns of a convent at Chantilly.

Here her wild fancies continued. She made accusations, not only against M. Syveton, but against other people. The nuns did their best with her and kept her because Mme. Syveton begged them to do so. But at the end of six months they sent her home. Marguerite was now sixteen years of age.

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The above episode is taken from the statements of M. Syveton's friends. It is, of course, not certain that their knowledge represents the exact state of affairs.

In the meantime, M. Syveton had been becoming an even greater force in politics. His election as deputy for the Second Arondissement of Paris was disputed, and there was a scrutiny. He was unseated, but was triumphantly re-elected.

(To be continued.)

TERROR TO CULPRITS.

Retirement of Mr. Sheil, the Westminster Magistrate.

HIS STERN PERSONALITY.

A metropolitan police magistrate for twenty five years, Mr. James Sheil, who has sat at West minster since 1890, has announced his resignation and will retire on the fourth of next month.

A brusque, at times somewhat irascible, Irishman, he has more than any of his colleagues in London police courts exhibited the capacity of instilling with terror the culprit in the dock. Often he has shown himself impatient of argument not in the strictest accord with legal procedure, and

in the strictest accord with legal procedure, and this, with the severity of his sentences, gained him a reputation for harshness. In dealing with street ruffianism Mr. Sheil in-variably passed exemplary sentences, and the hooligans of Lambeth and other districts in his jurisdiction have for long held him in wholesome dread. In the dock they would cower under his fixed, scomfulf gaze, and turn almost thankfully to the gaoler from the terse, scathing pronouncement of sentence.

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In his earlier days a keen sportsman and hard rider with hounds, Mr. Sheil is a true lover of animals, and had little mercy for owners of horses and others before him proved guilty of cruelty. It was in connection with a case in which knowledge of horses was required that he once gave an instance of the dry humour which he has a reputation for in private life, but has rarely given vent to on the bench.

Horses and Women

Mr. Partridge, with whom he used to sit alternately, had told a dissatisfied purchaser, of a horse to come again the next day, remarking, Mr. Shell is a better judge of horses than I am." Mr. Shell duly examined the animal before the day's business began. One of the applicants later that morning was a young man who wanted advice about his wife. "Oh, come again to-morrow and let Mr. Partridge see her," was his prompt retort. "He's a better judge of women than I am." Mr. Shell is a bachelor.

He raised a storm of criticism by a sweeping dictum concerning women. The prosecutivi in an assault case was asked whether she had any witnesses, and replied there was only one—a young

woman.

"Haven't you a man who saw this bother?" demanded Mr. Sheil. "You women tell such abominable lies that one hardly knows which of you is in the right."

The retiring magistrate may be called a lawyer by heredity as well as training, for his father was a Q.C., well known in his day.

INTERRUPTED IDYLL.

Italian Musicians Resent a Compliment with a Razor Blade.

Walking with his sweetheart beside the Thames at Windsor on Christmas Eve, Private James Birt-wistle, of the 2nd Grenadier Guards, suddenly

weste, of the 2nd Grenadier Guards, suddenly paused at the sound of music, and remarked, "That sounds well on Christmas Eve."

As he uttered the words a man sprang at him from the darkness and struck him. Private Birtwitte is a noted boxer, and at once retaliated with a blow which felled his assailant. Then another man appeared, only to meet with the same punishment.

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another man appeared, only to meet with the same punishment. His two assailants proved to be Italians, and in the meice which followed, one of them, a youth named Germano Pellichio, is alleged to have wounded the Guardsman with a razor. It appeared that the Italians were playing melodeons, and put a wrong interpretation upon the Guardsman's remark about their music. Pellichio was remanded by the Windsor Bench yesterday.

THE CHRISTMAS TEMPERAMENT.

"You see, being Christmas-time, I was enjoying myself," said a man at the Thames Court, who was prosecuting his brother for assault. The two had been drinking together all Saturday evening. The Magistrate: You seem proud of yourself at the way you spend Christmas.

The Prosecutor: That's just how I feel. You get a drop extra at this time, don't you?

Mr. Mead: It does not appeal to my feelings.

The offending brother was bound over.

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'NOTHING BUT THE RIVER'

Tragic Story.

Pathetic letters read at Mortlake coroner's court vesterday revealed the tragic story of the beautiful but erring wife who drowned herself and her seven-months-old daughter in the Thames on

Frances Amelia May was the name of the un

Frances Amelia May was the name of the un-happy woman. She was twenty-seven years of age, and wife of Mr. W. H. May, proprietor of the Red Lion Hotel, Southampton-row, W. C. Mrs. May's conduct was such as to lead to a deed of separation being drawn up in March, 1903, under which the husband allowed her 37s, 6d, per week. This allowance was continued until ten weeks after the birth of Mrs. May's child in April

One letter found on the body read as follows:-

To Mr. H. Winter May.

When you receive this you will at last be free. As your wife I was happy, but when you sent me adrift in the world I was not the degraded wretch you made me out to be. I am going to my death now, and will tell you for the last time that I told you the truth. I was imposent

the last time that innocent.

It is true I have a child, a darling which I love as nothing else on earth. If I had wished to let the child go, I could have struggled on by myself, but it is a darling, and for it I have become what I am. I cannot face the streets for a living, so I shall try and go to my last sleep with my baby ere things get worse.

You may wonder who is the father. One you

PLAUSIBLE SUITOR.

Erring Wife's Pathetic Letters Reveal a Foolish Lady Duped Through Matrimonial Advertisement.

> Often as the danger of replying to matrimonial dvertisements has been exposed, cases are still constantly occurring of foolish women being entrapped in this manner by plausible rogues

The sequel to a recent advertisement has just come to light, and a middle-aged lady, living at Birkdale, who allowed herself to be duped, now bewails the loss of £250 in cash and much valuable

She answered an advertisement which set that "a gentleman, thirty-five years of age, good position, and considered to be of preposes

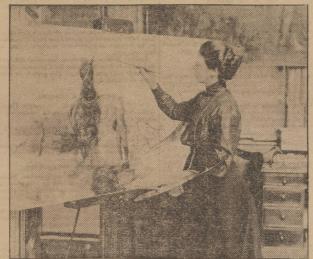
that "a gentteman, thrity-inve years or age, in good position, and considered to be of prepossessing appearance," was anxious to correspond with a lady in similar circumstances, with a view to early matrimony.

An interview was arranged, and the advertiser must have been gratified to find that his correspondent occupied a most substantial residence in a fashionable quarter of Birkdale.

The parties expressed themselves mutually satisfied with each other, and it was arranged that the marriage should take place in February. But before taking his leave the man, who described himself as a commercial traveller, mentioned that he was temporarily embarrassed by lack of money. Such was the lady's confidence in him that she parted eventually with £250, and added, as tokens of affection, a gold watch and chain, and other valuables. Then good-bye was said—there was to be a meeting again in a week or so.

But since that day the lady has neither seen nor heard of her suitor.

MISS LUCY KEMP-WELCH.



A painter of established reputation, Miss Kemp-Welch will open the famous Her-komer School of Art at Bushey as a school of animal painting, to which she mostly devotes herself. Miss Kemp-Welch was formerly a student at the school of which she will be the head.—(Haines.)

least expect. If there is any doubt look at the child. I do not ask forgiveness, as I should never have gone astray while your wife and living with you. I only did wrong when I left

A note addressed to her landlady was as follows

A note addressed to her fandady was as follows
Dear Loo,—Good-bye to the best of friends.
I cannot bear it any longer. Go to M. Ask
him to give you a helping hand. If he would
only have believed me, this would never have
happened. He will have our deaths on his
mind all the rest of his life.
I know it is wicked, but I must take my angel
with me. In death, perhaps, there will be
happiness. There is nothing but the river left.
Only one farthing was found it showmon.

Only one farthing was found in the woman's

The jury's verdict was that the woman murdered her child and committed suicide by drowning while temporarily insane. They added that no blame attached to Mr. May.

HEADMASTER'S SUICIDE.

A sad discovery was made in a stable at the Plough Inn, Kidsgrove, Staffordshire, on Christmas morning, Charles P. Petricul, headmaster of Ast-bury School, near Congleton, being found lying on the straw with his throat cut.

Mrs. Mary Hamilton, aged ninety-two, is being treated at St. Mary's Hospital for severe burns received during a fire at her residence, Colville-road, Notting Hill.

SYMPATHY FOR POOR PHŒBE.

Magistrates Support Petition for the Mitigation of Her Sentence.

Among the latest signatures to the petition on behalf of poor Phœbe Turner, who left her baby in a wood to die, and was sentenced by Mr Justice Bigham to seven years' penal servitude, are Justice Bignam to seven years those of Mr. R. K. Hodgson, deputy-licutenant for Kent, Lady Norah Hodgson, Mr. and Mrs. Battiscombe, and Major Rogers, D.S.O., and

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All the above gentlemen are magistrates. Mr. Battiscombe presided when Phoebe was committed for triat by the Sevenoaks Bench, and he is, therefore, familiar with all the details of this pitiful case. "I really think," he said, when he had signed the petition, "that the sentence is too severe, especially in view of other sentences recently imposed on persons in circumstances of similar distress. I do hope that something will be done for the poor girl."

WASH-TUB REBELLION.

A pauper who had been accustomed to wash stockings at the workhouse on each Saturday during the past four years was told on Christmas Eve he must wash sheets, and rebelled.

After spending Christmas Day in gaol he was released yesterday by the Tottenham Bench in time to join in the festivities at the workhouse.

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

Descriptions of the Principal Photographs in To-day's "Daily Mirror."

ALL ABOUT THE PICTURES

A DANISH CHRISTMAS CARD.

The interesting photograph on page 1 of our own Queen Alexandra and her sister the Dowager-Queen Alexandra and her sister the Dowages-Empress of Russia has had a extraordinary run of popularity in Denmark, and is the Christmas-card design most in demand this year. The troyal and imperial ladies are both very much to royal and imperial ladies are both very much to royal and land of their birth, in which they spend a con-siderable time every year. Notwithstanding their attachment to their early home, it is none the less remarkable that the one sister has become as thorough-going a Russian as the other has made herself English.

HONOUR TO THE BRAVE.

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The wooden post, which is the most prominent feature of the photograph on page I, is not a very imposing memorial; but it commemorates the sacrifice of 3,500 lives. That fearful slaughter was the price paid by the Japanese for the possession of a few feet of earth around the spot occupied by the pillar. The position was held by the Russians, but General Oku's men, by a heroic charge, dislodged them. Shoten, one of the dead sons of General Nogi, fell there, and the news reached the Spartan father on the same day as the Mikado's message, appointing him to the command of the Port Arrhur investing army. His comment was characteristic of the spirit animating the Japanese—"I am glad he died so splendidly. It was the greatest honour he could have. As for the funeral rites in his memory, they might as well be post-pounced in conjunction with those of the two other members of his family, his brother Hoten and myself." The brother is already dead, but it may be hoped that the General himself will live to reapthe honours he has won.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Jack salvore is always very much like a boy out of school, for Father Neptune somehow manages to confer the gift of, perennial youth on those who go down to the sea in ships. But Jack is to be seen to best advantage at such a "breaking-up" time as Christmas, when "general leave" is the order of the day at all the home ports. Some idea of his high spirits on the occasion may be gathered from the photo on page 1 of a train load of holiday-making men o' war leaving Portsmouth.

CHRISTMAS IN POPLAR.

Such a picture as that which appears on page 9 has a force that no mere written description can attain. Our photographer managed to get a snapshot of a family in Poplar at their Christmas dinner. They were congratulating themselves on having succeeded in providing a feast for the day. What it was may be seen—a loaf of bread and some tea. It was only with great difficulty they were persuaded to allow the photograph to be taken.

COSSACKS IN MANCHURIA.

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There are some 75,000 of the famous Cossack cavalry constantly threatening the flanks of the Japanese armies in Manchuria, and they have been seeing plenty of service, though the great actions of the war have been almost entirely fought by infantry and artillery. Our illustration on pages 8 and 9 shows some of them while out on a forage raiding expedition in a village, welcoming the arrival on the scene of operations of the "Tron Brigade" from Odessa, a corps of great reputation.

THE MAN AT THE WHEEL.

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In the old days, to go "behind the scenes" at a theatre while the performance was in full swing was like paying a visit to pandemonium. A thousand directions were being shouted at once, and an army of "scene shifters" and carpenters were hauling "flats" and "slides," about in apparently amiless confusion. But we do things differently nowadays. Look at the picture on page 9 of Mr. Marshall Moore at his signal station at the Coliseum. When a scene is to be changed he reverses a lever on an apparatus like a ship's telegraph, and, hey presto! the thing is done in a little less than no time. It is the triumph of mechanism, and Mr. Marshall Moore is the "god in the machine."

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BEWARE OF IMITATIONS.

"NO MEN WANTED."

Another Page from the Diary of an Out-of-Work.

IN GRIM DESPAIR.

Once more the unhappy man, whose search for work is being described by himself in the Daily Mirror, has added, where his story last broke off, another unsuccessful day to his weary wanderings He has returned to an archway near Gower-street under which he had spent the previous night.

With my eyes half shut, and feeling as if I was tumbling to pieces, I came to my archway. I looked up. I found a gate had been shut across it. What-more could be wanting to complete my misery? Even my wretched hiding-place, where my weary limbs were longing to fling themselves had been taken from me.

"Do You Want Prison?"

I tried to push the gate open, but it was securely fastened. The friendly policeman who had been good to me the night before came along. "You had better mind what you are doing," he said. Poor chaps like you get a poor chance when they are found breaking in. Do you want to go to

are found preaking in: Do you make prison?"

Prison! Yes, that was a solution to the lodging question. Why should I not go to prison?

I kept muttering the word "prison" to myself as I walked hopelessly away.

There is some magnetic attraction that draws homeless, workless wretches like me to the Embankment. I found myself sitting on a seat-on the Embankment. How I dragged myself so far I do not know. As I sat I looked at the parapet by the river. I walked to the parapet and watched the stream sulkily reflecting the lights around.

The River as Refuge.

"The river must be the magnet," I thought. I felt it drawing me as I stood. With an effort I wrenched myself away, and went back to the seat.

Drawing my coat closer to me, I felt the half-loaf that I had in my pocket, half of the loaf that the young lady had given me. I took it out and broke a piece off.

Suddenly I became conscious of a pair of fierce-

young lady had given me. I took it out and broke a piece off.

Suddenly I became conscious of a pair of fierce-looking black eyes, sunken in a white face, glaring at me and my bread. The eyes belonged to a bundle of rags at the other end of the seat.

"Give me some, young man, do now." It was the hoarse, unpleasant imitation of a human voice. I gave to the bundle of rags with the fierce, famishing system of the bread.

After a period of munching the bundle of rags inst now," it said. "I often go to the parapet. Once I nearly managed to clamber over, but I was so weak that I fell back again."

Hortor-stricken, I got up and staggered to another seat.

Here some good people who belong to a shelter in Westimister found me. I do not remember being taken to the shelter, but I got there. I was warmed and given a place to lie down in.

When I went out in the morning I had had a wash, and was ready once more to trudge round London to say, "I want work," and to be told, "There is no work."

"No Chance Here."

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"No Chance Here."

The first place where I was told this was at Doulton's pottery works. I said, "Is there any chance of a start?" to the timekeeper sitting on his stool. I waited, wondering whether he would say, "We are slack here," or "No hands are wanted." There was a slight variation from the usual formula. "We have got about 150 men wanting a start," he said, "and they are likely to want it, too. They are leaving off every hour here. It's not much use asking here. It's about as bad all round, too."

This answer took what little courage I had brought out with me away.

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I was refused work at the Eagle Carriage Works, at a wholesale milk depot, at Webb and Sons' shop, and at Munford's flour mills by Lambeth Bridge.

"Not this morning. No good applying next week, nor for some time," was the reply at Dennis's rope and sack manufactory. After this I gave up putting down on my piece of paper the names of the places where I had called. The paper was packed fall of many life.

To Bed in a Goods Station.

The afternoon was bitter. Driving rain was mixed up with a piercing wind. Out of the rain I crept into Nine Elms railway station, the great goods station labyrinth belonging to the London and South-Western Railway. The place brought back reminiscences to my mind of more prosperous times, long gone by, when I had seen a detachment of the C.I.V. off from there, on their way to the war. At one of the gates was the notice "No men wanted."

wanted."
I tried the elerical departments. They also said
"No men wanted." As I wandered about my eye
fell on some bales of goods that looked soft to lie
among. They were piled so as to make crevices.
I took a hasty glance round to see that nobody
was looking at me, and then crawled into a grevice.
I had gone to bed early that night.

(To be continued.)

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

While in prison, a Sunderland cab-driver strangled himself with a belt, which he tied round his neck and then attached to an iron bar.

Three months' hard labour is the penalty imposed on a Halifax labourer for deserting his wife and shildren, whose maintenance has cost the guardians

At the inquest on the body of Margaret Welch of Ashton, Cheshire, it was stated that she habitu ally slept on three chairs arranged in a semi-circle round the hearth.

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER.

Nearly half a century after the event Mr. John Halford, of Eckington, Derbyshire, has just received his prize money connected with the relief of Lucknow.

Mr. Halford, who is seventy-one years of age, fought also in the Crimea.

WITHIN SIGHT OF HOME.

Intending to spend Christmas with his family at Sandbach, Cheshire, Alfred Birch had safely brought his canal barge to anchor within sight of

While walking along the towing-path, howe he fell into the water and was drowned before rescue could be effected.

BULL ON A STAIRCASE.

While being landed from a steamer at Glasgow a bull broke loose, and rushing madly along the quayside eventually took refuge in the entrance to some flats.

Here it climbed to the first landing, where it stuck fast in a narrow passage, and was only hauled down by ropes after a long struggle.

NOT TO BE SHAKEN.

Having made up a compound of sulphuric acid and linseed oil for foot rot, a chemist's apprentice of Kirby-le-Soken, Essex, shook the bottle, when it suddenly exploded.

Some of the liquid, together with fragments of the bottle, struck against his face, and it is feared the apprentice will lose the sight of one eye.

IMPRONPTU FROM NECESSITY.

Shortly before Mr. Arnold-Forster delivered his recent speech at Edinburgh, he discovered that his carefully-prepared notes had mysteriously dis-

appeared.
Without alluding to his loss, of which news has only just leaked out, the War Minister hastily prepared a rough draft, from which he delivered a speech, which seemed anything but impromptu.

ORIGIN OF SHORTBREAD

That favourite Scottish dainty, shortbread, with the salutation traced out in sweetmeats, "A Gude New Year," is to be seen in many London shops. Though enjoyed by all, few are aware of the origin of shortbread, which was first compounded as an improvement on the oat-cake, which, with the accompaniment of home-made cheese, constituted the solid refreshment set before callers in Scottish households on New Year's Day.

SHAKESPEARE'S MULBERRY-TREE.

Despite the wintry weather, many travellers in South London stopped yesterday to admire the long-promised sapling from Shakespeare's mul-berry-tree at Stratford-on-Avon, which has been presented by the mayor of that borough to South-

wark.

Standing about 4ft. high, the sapling has been planted in the plot of ground before the town hall in Walworth-road.

ORPHAN'S MITE.

Many poor families at Claeton were supplied with Christmas cheer by the self-sacrifice of the orphans at the local homes of the Flower Girls' and Watercress Mission.

During the past year the children saved some of the little pocket-money which comes their way, with the result that several necessitous families have been supplied with Christmas parcels containing beef, as well as plums, currants, flour, and other pudding ingredients.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE RECORD.

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Enthusiastic scholars in a remote and exposed district of Cumberland have established a unique record of school attendance.

At Wastdale Head school throughout the year every scholar has been in his place each time the school opened, though many of them had long distances to come—in one case eight miles.

This record attendance gives the school a shield offered by the Cumberland Education Committee, and the diligent children will receive medals.

HACK-HORSE DISAPPEARING.

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Though hunting is as popular as ever, the saddle-horse for hack work is gradually disappearing.

In the sixties everybody of ordinary means rode more or less as a matter of course, and not of necessity with any reference to the hunting-field. Nowadays they cycle or drive a motor-car.

Even hunting people rarely mount a horse save in the hunting-field, and practically no riders above the farming class, and very few of these, can be seen in the country districts, where only thirty years ago they were numerous.

Thrown from a wagon which skidded on a greasy pavement, P.C. Henry Knebler is lying in a critical condition at the Royal Southern Hospital,

At the age of 104 the death has occurred of Mrs. McEwan, of Inverkip, Renfrewshire, whose grandmother lived to be 103, and great-grandmother to be 105.

LINIMENT CAUSES FIRE.

Liniment of an inflammable nature has been the cause of a fire at Dr. Alder's residence, Sunderland.

Owing to the heat from a gas jet the liniment burst its bottle, and the contents, becoming ignited, enveloped the room in flames.

QUESTION OF COLOUR.

Recent investigations at various ayslums, with a total of 16,512 patients, show that no fewer than 96 per cent, of the insane have black to frow hair. Dark people, however, may find some consolation in the fact that among blonde madmen the percentage of incurables is much greater.

WORKMEN'S SAVINGS.

WORMARN'S SAVINGS.

From a statement by the late Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies it appears that the savings of the British working-classes with which these societies deal amount to £360,000,000.

Of this sum two hundred million sterling is represented by deposits in the savings bank.

GIFT TO NATIONAL GALLERY.

Mrs. E. Edwards has presented to the National Gallery a fine portrait of herself and Mr. Edwards, painted by the late Fautin-Latour.

The picture, which is hung in Gallery XVI., with the Claudes and Turners, is of peculiar interest, as being the first painting by a modern French artist to be hung in the Trafalgar-square treasure-house.

GOOSE RECORD IN LINCOLN.

From a single homestead in Holbeach Fen no less than 1,000 stones of fat goose have been dispatched to the London and provincial markets during the

Last few days.

Another Holbeach poulterer has sent 5,200 fowls and ducks to London during the Christmas season, and large consignments have also gone from other parts of Lincolnshire.

DRINK IN A SURGERY.

For the second time in his career Dennis O'Rourke, a well-known Lincoln character, is charged with attempted suicide. Found unconscious outside a doctor's surgery it

a doctor's surgery

On being committed for trial O'Rourke protested that he had only been drinking beer and rum.

BRITISH-GROWN SUGAR BEET

When all else fails, the impoverished British farmer might do worse than take up beet growing. As the results of experiments at the Agricultural College, Kilmarnock, fifteen tons of sugar beetroot per arer has been yielded. Experts state that this result is fully up to the Continental average, and that the foots give double the quantity of sugar that German beet does.

BURGLARS' SPITE.

Having broken into the premises of a spirit mer-chant in Saltcoats, Ayrshire, burglars were dis-appointed to find all the money in the till had been removed.

In revenge they turned on the taps of several barrels containing wine and spirits, which flooded the shop and caused the proprietor to suffer a heavy financial loss.

WAR OFFICE VANDALISM.

Sold by the War Office to dealers in old metal, a number of cannon have been taken away from the walls of Berwick.

Much regret is felt locally at their removal, since the guns have long adorned and lent historic interest to the ancient fortifications of Border

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OVERCROWDED WORKHOUSES.

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So overcowded is the condition of the Stepney
workhouse that the day-room has had to be converted into a dormitory for the men.
In the event of the overcrowding increasing it
has been decided to accommodate some of the bestbehaved men in the infirmary.
At Mile End a number of the immates have had
to be accommodated with shakedowns on the floor
between the heils.

SEVENTY YEARS AN ACROBAT.

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Having celebrated his ninety-eighth birthday, Mr. Henry Johnson, of Grantham, for seventy years a famous acrobat, is still hale and hearty. In 1830, whilst performing at Aylesburry, he was commanded to appear before King William IV., who was so delighted with the performance that he made Johnson a present of £59.

Mr. Johnson has also appeared before the late Queen and her mother, the Duchess of Kent, and before the present King, when Prince of Wates, at Sandringham.

RUSSIAN PRINCE'S YULE.

King Edward Sends Toys for the Infant Tsarevitch.

GORGEOUS PREPARATIONS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

St. Petersburg, Saturday.—The Tsar's son and heir, Alexis, is to have a splendid Christmas, though the little fellow is all unconscious of the great festivities to be held in his honour. The Russian Christmas is, of course, according to the old calendar, and does not take place till over a

old calendar, and does not take place till over a week after New Year's Day.

The Tsarvitch's small sisters will have cause to be grateful to him for the magnificent scale of their Yuletide. Nothing like it has been seen at the Palace for generations.

The "yolka," or Christmas-tree, is a great institution here, and a pretty custom is that which allows the eldest child of the family to pick out of several the tree she likes best. Last week one of the Tsar's foresters drove a cart, containing four big fit trees, into the courtyard at Tsarskoë Selo, and waited while the little Grand Duchess Olga, attired in white furs, chose one. Needless to say it was the biggest of the four.

Crowned Heads and the Xmas Tree.

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The Tsaritsa is herself decking the Christmastree. In pursuance with past years' custom, she has "asked" for something to hang on the tree from every crowned head in Europe, and obtained a whole boxful of little but costly objects from King Edward and Queen Alexandra. At the top of the tree will hang a ball of soild gold, which has been used on Russia's Imperial Christmastrees for over forty years.

The tree is at present in a big spare room near the railway, and every morning the Grand Duchesses Olga and Tatiana proceed thither with their governess, and vainly try to examine it through the keyhole. The idea of waiting three weeks is unbearable to both. In order to avert the danger of fire, the Tsaritsa's Christmastree will be illuminated by electric lamps fixed within Chinese lanterns of the usual kind. At four in the afternoon the five children will be taken into an entirely dark room, and on the pressing of a button the miraculous tree will fash, fully illuminated, on their eyes. Before any of the little princesses have chosen their gifts the eldest will be asked to cut down the finest thing on the tree, which she will afterwards give to some crippled child.

Voracious English "Milord."

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A pantomine, written many years ago by the Grand Duke Constantine, will be performed between five and seven o'clock, all the performers being palace officials or servants. One of the characters is a queer English "milord," with long red whiskers, who undertakes to swallow anything from a plum pudding to a pair of tongs.

The little Grand Duchesses have begged their mother to allow them to witness the great snow sports which are an annual fixture of the peasants in the neighbourhood of the palace, and it has been arranged that they shall be driven around the field where the fete takes place.

If there is sufficient light the Grand Duchesses, with their baby brother, will be photographed in a group on Christmas morning. Ever since the Christmas following the birth of the Grand Duchesses (olga this practice has been followed, and the Tsanitsa can see in her album the progressive increase of her family.

Vodtka for Ohildren.

Vodka for Children.

An old Russian custom is that children, however young, should taste vodka on Christmas Day, When this practice, which obtained even at Court, was abolished by the Tsaritsa a more innocent one was substituted. After mass each child drinks a tiny glass of water flavoured with lemon. The Tsar last year put a gold ten-rouble piece in the bottom of each glass, and the Grand Duchesses are looking forward to more of these monetary gifts this Christmas.

DRUG DRUNKARDS.

Business Men Who Carry Cocaine Tablets in Their Pockets.

Their Pockets.

The drug habit has grown to dangerous proportions in London lately, and women are said to outnumber men among the victims.

Such drugs as "asperine" and cocaine are retailed in chemists shops, and generally exposed to view on the counter. The patients like them, and see that they can be purchased for a small sum and save the doctor's fee.

The theory of "every man his own doctor" has been spreading of late, and numbers of businessmen carry pocket-cases of tablets and keep a stock of drugs in their offices.

They are ready to diagnose and treat any complaint from toothache to humbago.

The hypodermic drug injection craze came from America, and is spreading rapidly in London, especially among brain workers and people who have too much time on their hands.

"What is known as the 'ginger habit' is the latest craze," said a West End chemist, "and I have seen a man toss off a wineglassful of Jamaica ginger without winking. Five drops is enough for the ordinary human being."

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GOOD MATERIAL WASTED.

HE finish of the "bogus curate" case in Berkshire, coming on as it did just before Christmas, attracted little at-Furthermore, the few comments

tention. Furthermore, the few comments there have been upon it seem to us to have entirely missed its significance.

Here was a young man, the son of a vandriver, employed himself in a factory, who had a passion—quite a genuine passion apparently—for Church work. From his childhood, his father said, he had always been "inclined towards religious matters."

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If there happened to be any people in the house, and there was going to be "a bit of a joilification," his son would not join in it, but would always escape to his bedroom, and sit there studying his Bible. He had been like that ever since he was able to read.

Now obviously such a youth as this was cut out by Nature for a religious calling. Seeing that the Church of England is continually lamenting the dearth of candidates for ordination, one would think she might be glad to keep a look-out for promising recruits in all classes. There was the Church wanting men and a man wanting to join the Church. The only thing that prevented them from coming together was the lack of any system in the Church for attracting and training poor men. So great was this young man's desire to take up clerical duties that he went the length of falsely pretending to be a clergyman. He induced a vicar to give him work, and only absconded when he was pressed for his certificate of ordination. Then he was prosecuted for obtaining goods from tradesmen and subscriptions for some local fund.

The charge of fraud we are inclined to treat lightly. Having established himself, he was bound to live. No doubt he would have paid his bills as soon as he got his salary. As for, the subscriptions, he ought, of course, to have left them behind him when he absconded state, and he may have hesitated, very naturally, to cast himself penniless upon the world.

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The beginning of his fault, and the main thing to blame him for, was that he pretended to be something which he was not. That is a serious matter under any circumstances and it is especially serious to pretend to be a clergyman. But, if we look deeply into this case, are we not driven to blame the Church as well?

If the Church were open to all, not only theoretically, but practically open; if it set itself to gather into the ranks of its officers the lowly as well as the well-born, would this young man be in prison now? Of course not. He would be in some training-college qualifying for an honourable and useful profession.

POLITICS AND PANTOMIME,

Has the pantomime any political influence

Has the pantomime any political influence? That is the interesting question just raised in our correspondence column. Of course, there are always some political references introduced, mostly by the low comedians, but we do not think our correspondent need be afraid of these performers influencing the minds of their audiences.

Their "wheezes" do not represent their own opinions. They are put in simply to raise a laugh. If any attempt were made to burlesque popular politicians, it would speedily be resented. A low comedian who tried to make fun of convictions which were generally held would find himself hooted off the stage.

Such regulation of political jokes as is required is done by the Censor of Plays. He cuts out anything that would be likely to create a disturbance by offending any large number of people. For the rest, we may safely leave the matter in the hands of theatre managers, whose only desire is to keep their audiences in a good humour, and who are not likely to allow anything which would turn a playhouse into a political meeting.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY

Diligence is the mother of good fortune .-

THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

STORY was told in this column yesterday to illustrate Mr. James Welch's humour. Here is one to show what a kind heart the tero of last night's Drury Lane pantomime has. One day last week there was an exceptionally long chearsal. The chorus-girls were at the theatre hany hours, and few of them had brought any.

THE NEW RECRUIT TO LAST NIGHT'S PANTOMIME.



Mr. James Welch, as he appears to our caricaturist. He made his first appearance in pantomime at Drury Lane last night.

A MAN OF THE MOMENT.

Mr. J. M. Barrie

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He might be the most insignificant of men. He is a tiny little person, who looks as if he would be blown away by the slightest puff of wind, and as though he were too shy to shout for assistance if it happened. His face is mostly hidden by a huge moustache and a large pire. But for all that he is our most successful dramatist, and even his children's piece, "Peter Pan," to be produced to-night, is arousing great interest in the playgoing world.

You have to look at him carefully before you recognise the fact that he is a humorist. When you do look carefully you discover a twinkle at the corners of his eyes which gives him completely away for what he is, a humorist—a sentimental humorist.

But he is only funny on paper. He is too shy to be funny when he talks, and his speeches are more than disappointing—though he has improved a little of late. The great regret of his life is that he is not a professional cricketer, and that he can never find bowling so bad that he can make a big sore off it. Still, he recognises his limitations, and bas ceased to be insulted when referred to as a bad bat.

His start in journalism took place in Notting-ham, where he wrote leaders for a couple of years, twenty years ago now, but he improved the shining hour meantime by contributing to London papers. Then he came to town and lived obscure for quife a time.

He is hardly obcure now. At least, his writings and plays are well known. Personally, he is as obscure as he cam manage to be.

Teacher: What did David mean when he said he'd rather be a doorkeeper of the House of the Lord?"

Boy: Because, if he was a doorkeeper, he could walk about outside while the sermon was being 0.mched.—The Scholmaster.

A FAMOUS OLD CAROL.

Good King Wenceslaus looked out On the Feast of Stephen, When the snow lay round about, Deep and crisp and even: Brightly shone the moon that night, Though the frost was cruel, When a poor man came in sight, Gathering winter fuel.

Gutering winer rue:

"Hither, page, and stand by me,
If thou know'st it, telling,
Yonder peasant, who is he?
Where and what his dwelling?"

"Sire, he lives a good league hence,
Underneath the mountain.
Right against the forest fence,
By Saint Agnes's fountain."

By saint agains a foliation.

Bring me pine-logs hither;
Thou and I will see him dine,
When we bear them thither."
Page and monarch forth they went,
Forth they went together;
Through the rude wind's loud lament
And the bitter weather.

"Sire, the night is darker now,
And the wind blows stronger;
Fails my heart, I know not how,
I cango no longer."
"Mark my footsteps, good, my page,
Tread thou in them boldly:
Thou shalf find the winter's rage
Freeze thy blood less coldly."

Freeze thy blood less county.

In his master's steps he trod,
Where the snow lay dinted;
Heat was in the very sod
Which the saint had printed.
Therefore, Christian men, be sure,
Wealth or rank possessing,
Ye who now will bless the poor
Shall yourselves find blessing.

—Otd Carol.

much congratulation, his eighty-third birthday. He is a sturdy and rather eccentric old man, always frugal in habits, shabbily dressed, and given to no pleasures but those of sport. He still arranges his own shooting parties, about which he is most enthusiastic, and which are severely sportsmanlike—no luxury, no expensive luncheon, nothing but bread, and cheese, onions, and beer. That menu, appetising only to the hungry, is not even altered for the Prince of Wales, when he goes shooting with Lord Leicester.

Lady Leicester was only twenty-three, and he

Besides the mules from the King of Portugal, Mme. Réjane has received any number of handsome gifts of jewellery from the royalties whom she has charmed all over Europe. She shuts all of them in a single jewel-tase—the royal jewel-tase—which she keeps in Paris. She does not wear them often. "I shall do that when I am old," she says, "and when I have nothing better to do than to turn myself into a jewel-tray." The precious case contains a valuable ring given her by King Edward. The King asked her to wear it as a souvenir of him when he was Prince of Wales, but she is too much afraid of losing it to do that.

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The King almost always pays a visit to Mme. Réjane's plays during her season in London. She likes London more and more every time she comes, and is a great success in society as well as at the theatre. The only thing she does not like about the English is our habit of writing letters about nothing whatever. Mme. Réjane stays it the Cecil, and there, all day and every day, letters from unknown people pour in for her. "When people have nothing else to do in London," she said during her last visit, "they appear to sit down and write me a letter to say so!"

The world of cricket is very much interested in the rumour that there is soon to be a Princess Ranjitishihi. Ranji's visit to India has, it is said, a matrimonial intention. It must be something important to make him leave the land of cricket and fog which, he loves so dearly. He spends most of the non-cricketing season in shooting near Gilling Castle, Yorkshire, where he is extremely popular amongst the natives. He even plays cricket once or twice a year for his village of Gilling against the neighbouring one of Hovingham. Poor Hovingham!

It is strange that "Ranji" should never have It is strange that "Ranji" should never have married, but doubtless cricketers have no time for the frivolous pursuit of courtship. Nevertheless, Ranji is said to be a sympathiser with his friends in their "affairs of the heart." Once a friend of his, playing in a match at Tanuton, asked him to bowl him two easy balls. "My fiancée is in the holies' enclosure," said the friend nervously, "and I want her to see me make a good hit or two." Ranji kindly entered into his feelings, and at once bowled two long hops. Whether it was nervousness or excess of jory we know not, but the lover was bowled by one of them!

IN MY GARDEN THIS MORNING.

DECEMBER 27.—One of the most interesting ways of beautifying a garden is to edge the beds with low-growing plants.

There are a great number of easily-grown flowers suitable for this purpose. In March, thick rows of crocuses and other bulbs will make the margin of a border gay; later on, hardy annuals can be sown over them.

Then we have white and purple rockcress, London pride, yellow alyssum, and forget-me-nots flowering in spring.

Summer edging plants are very beautiful. With plaks, carnations, "snow in summer," violas, and pansies, a bright effect may be obtained.

Most of these plants have evergreem foliage, which greatly enhances their value.

E. F. T.

Young Wife (to peasant woman at market): Your eggs are terribly small, my good woman. I really think you must take them too soon out of the nest.—"Meggendorfer Blätter."

SERVICE IN A COAL-MINE.



Reading from the left—Rev. Rhys Davies, Rev. W. T. Lee, and Mr. Tudor Rees, the prominent Welsh revivalists, photographed at five o'clock in the morning, after holding a great meeting in the Caeran coal-pit.

MR. J. F. CHEETHAM,



The Liberal candidate for Stalybridge.

APPEARING AT THE COLISEUM.



BLACK AND WHITE.

Miss Nellie Bowman and Miss Iris Hawkins as Little Black Sambo and White Barbara in the charming children's play of that name just produced at the Garrick Theatre. (Copyright: Daily Mirror.)



The charming Sisters Meredith, who made a big success with an "Indian Maiden's Love-Song" at the opening performance of the Coliseum. They made themselves famous in the United States by singing "Hiawatha."

"BABES IN THE WOOD" AT ISLINGTON,



The opening scene of the Grand Theatre, Islington, pantomime. This scene is intended to represent Nottingham hiring fair.—(Copyright: Daily Mirror.)





75,000 COSSACKS FACE

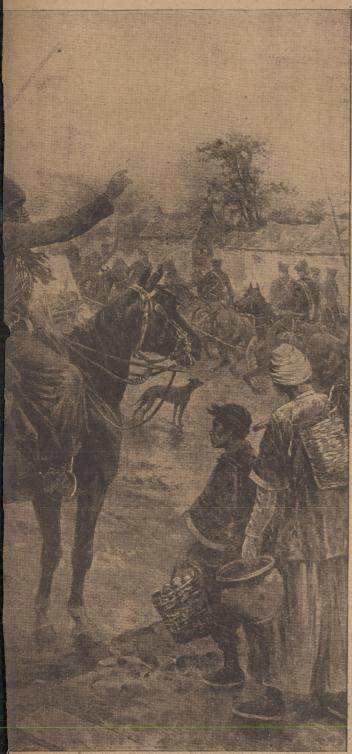


The Russian army under General Kuropatkin is now showing great acand the Japanese left flank. Our picture shows some

OLD INVIEWS



THE JAPANESE IN MANCHURIA.



Manchuria. It is stated that 75,000 well mounted Cossacks are now between the Liao river cavalrymen at Mukden welcoming the famous "Iron Brigade" from Odessa.

"THE WHITE CAT," AT DRURY LANE.



Miss Marie George, who played the part of "Master Cupid" in "The White Cat," the gorgeous production at "Old Drury," last night.—(Langfier.)



Mr. James Welch, the celebrated comedian, who took the late Mr. Dan Leno's place at the Drury Lane pantomime last night.—(Ellis and Walery.)

AN EAST-END CHRISTMAS.



A Christmas dinner in Poplar, taken specially by our own photographer. Tea and a loaf of bread was the bill of fare. The father of the family is a total abstainer and non-smoker. He has been out of work for ten weeks.

MISS DELIA MASON.



This charming actress has made one of the chief successes in "Lady Madcap" at the Prince of Wales's Theatre.

—(Bassano.)

THE MAN AT THE WHEEL.



Mr. Marshall Moore controls the mechanism of the Coliseum from the signal station on the stage. He moves the lever and the machinery does the rest

THE STORY OF "THE WHITE CAT."

Upon Which the Drury Lane Pantomime, Produced Last Night, Is Founded.

This is the original story of "The White in hunting, followed by a ball in the evening. Day succeeded day in the same pleasant manner; the length in "Fairy Tales," by the Countees d'Aulnoy (published by Routledge). The pantomime follows its main lines, though it differs in cortain details.

The day because he for the evening. Day succeeded day in the same pleasant manner; the prince had never enjoyed himself so much, and in the charm of his present life he son forget his father's kingdom and the search he had set out on.

Once upon a time there lived a king, who had three sons, so brave and handsome that he was afraid they might wish to reign during his lifetime. So he decided to promise the kingdom to them under conditions that they would find it hard to

He summoned the three princes to his presence, and bade them travel for a year. "At the end of that time," said he, "he who brings me the most beautiful little dog in the world shall have my kingdom. For I am growing old and need zest, and a dog will be a pleasant companion in Them. he there were the said of the said that the said that

Then the three princes set out, each in a different direction. They all had very interesting adventures, but this story is about those that happened to the youngest prince.

A FAIRY PALACE.

For some time his travels were quite uneventful; he bought thousands and thousands of dogs, but he met with no adventures. One day, however, he lost his way in a great forest.

After trying in vain for some hours to find a road he suddenly caught sight of a distant gleam of light. Thinking it proceeded from some woodman's cottage he hastened on to seek shelter for the night; but as he drew nearer he saw to his amazement that the light was emitted by countless precious stones, set in the golden walls of the most magnificent castle he had ever seen.

He determined to crave a night's rest and refreshment; accordingly, he pulled a bell-rone, all of diamonds, that hung beside the castle gate. Hardly had he done so ere the gates were flung open. Hands that seemed to belong to invisible bodies ushered him in and guided him through apartment after apartment of the most duzzling splendour into a throne-room, the magnificence of which bufflest description.

Tudge of his autonishment at seeing the throne occupied by a White Cat—the most beautiful that ever was seen or ever will be—aurrounded by a court of passies of all sorts, tabbies and tortoise-shells, Persians and Angoras! She received the prince very graciously, and bade him welcome to ker Court; he, in his turn, could not refrain from complimenting her on her castle and her gift of speech, which greatly surprised him in a cat.

After supper, which was then served, the prince was exerced by the mysterious hands to a most exquisite bedchamber, with curtains and hangings all of butterflies' wing. The next day was spent

father's kingdom and the search he had set out on."

Two days, however, before the end of the year, the White Cat reminded him of it. Then the prince was in deepair, for he had lost his beautiful dogs, and he was fally 300 leagues from his father's kingdom. But the little White Cat comforted him. "Prince," she said, "break this acom in thy father's presence; within, is a little dog, the most beautiful that ever was seen. As for thy journey, I will give thee a horse that can travel that distance easily in twenty-lour hours." With deep regret, the prince then took leave of the beautiful cat. His steed, which, though a wooden one, had exceedingly easy paces, bore him and his acom to his father's capital in less than a day. His two brothers had brought dogs, which greatly pleased their father; but the King could not repress a cry of delight when the Prince cracked his acom and out jumped a little dog, much more beautiful than the others. Still he could not make up his mind to renounce the pleasures of rule so soon, so he devised another quest for his sons.

"I wish to test your obedience still further," said he. "Travel another year. He who then brings me a piece of cloth that will pass through the cye of this needle khall be king."

THE WHITE CAT'S AID.

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Our youngest prince rode off again to the Golden Castle. He thought that he could not do better than ask the White Cat's aid. She was overjoyed to see him again, and predefer that the cloth she was the predefer to the state of the could not be the could no

played him a trick, but a sharp scratch on his hand persuaded him to proceed, and, though all persuaded him to proceed, and, though all ourliers were laughing up their sleeves, he is the millet-seed. There, at last, was a of cloth two yards long, that passed with the st ease through the eye of the king's needler even now the King would not resign the but he had been as the promised faithfully that the prince who it back the most beautiful princess should her and have the kingdom. The more the young prince returned to the a Castle, and related him.

White Cat. "Thou shalt have thy princess," said she. "Ah, White Cat," replied the prince, "all I desire is to remain with thee for ever in this lovely place." The White Cat sighed, and graciously gave him her paw to kiss, but said no more on the subject until a few days before the expiration of the third year. Then she requested the prince to cut off her head and tail.

THE ENCHANTED PRINCESS.

The prince was horrified, and refused to obey this barbarous behest; but the White Cat assured him it was for their mutual good. So at length the prince reluctantly compiled, and, lo! in place of the White Cat there stood a princess, whose loveliness was such as he had never even dreamed

torcliness was such as he had never even dreamed of Seeing the prince dumb with surprise and admiration, the lady smiled and said, "Prince, it is but natural that thou should'st be astonished. Know, however, that I was changed into a cat, and all my Court likewise, by fairies who fladt been oftended by my mother. At last, you have broken their wicked spell."

The prince's joy at having thus been the means of restoring the princess and her Court to human form was increased a thousandfold when she consented to accompany him to his father's capital. His two brothers were already there, each with a princess, whose beauty rendered him confident of success. But lovely as these hadies were, their beauty paled altogether before that of the Mistress of the Golden Castle.

"Behold," extained the king involuntarily, "the incomparable beauty who deserves my kingdom. The princess, who was as generous as she was fair, replied, "Sire, my father on his death left me six kingdoms: deign to accept one for thyself and another for each of thy eldest sons. There will still be three left for my prince and myself."

So she and the youngest prince were married and lived happily ever afterwards.

CIGAR-TIP CHARITY.

They are practical people in Germany. One of the ways in which funds are collected for charity in Berlin is both novel and eminently sensible. A large number of people, who call themselves the Society of Cigar-tip Collectors, carefully collect the tips of all the cigars which they cut off in the course of the year. These tips are sent to the depot of the society and sold to sunfi manufacturers, the proceeds being given to provide Christmas dinners for poor and orphan children. Many thousands of marks are collected annually in this way. A society of the kind might well be started in England.

YEARS AGO ON THE STAGE.

Some Memories of an Old Actor Who Has Just Died.

The death of Mr. Rignold, the popular and well known actor, breaks another link of the chain which connects the stage of to-day with the stage of the old stock companies. He was essentially a player of a past generation, but he was able to adapt himself to the new order, and, until a few years ago,

when he was forced to leave the stage owing to the loss of his sight, he played parts of all kinds, both in London and America. His theatrical career was started in the old stock company in Bristol—a company which has turned out many distinguished pupils, among others Miss Ellen Terry, Lady Bancroft, and Madge Robert-

Stage life in those days was very different to what it is now. There were no princely salaries then. It was while he was at Brisfol that one of Mrs. Kenda? earliest theatrical engagements took place. A discussion on the question of terms had arisen, and Mrs. Robetson observed to the manager, Mr. Hancock, "Give me the extra five shillings, my dear sir, and I will throw in Madge." The "Madge" to be "thrown in" was no other than the future Mrs. Kendal.

There were many amusing happenings at Bristol. "There was a wonderful prompter, who on one occasion, when they were playing "Uncle Tom"s Cabin," rang up the curtain ten minutes before Uncle Tom, who had to make an immediate entry, had blackened his face.

THE PROMPTER ON ACTING.

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On another occasion they were playing a Shakespearan "battle" play, in which a number of supers appeared in rapid alternation, first as English and then as French soldiers. One of them lost his head, and forgetting which he had played last, appealed to his prompter for guidance. "A jolly fine actor, you," said that worthy, "not to know your own blessed country."

Of one first night, Mr. Rignold had a very unpleasant memory, but, in the end, it enhanced his popularity. It yeas at the Princess's Theatre in the middle of the "seventies." From the very first the gallery showed the strongest feeling against the author, Mr. James Mortimer, whose adaptation of "La Dame aux Camelias" was being produced. So great was the tunuit that it was impossible to hear the actors at all.

Suddenly Mr. Rignold rushed right down to the footlights and, holding up his hand, thundered out, "Stop!" The offenders were hushed by his violence. "If you are Englishmen," cried Mr. Rignold, "those of you who have wives and mothers, remember that there is a lady on the stage." Here there was a lond burst of cheering. "For myself," the actor continued, "all that I ask is justice. Hiss me, how! at me, if you like; but don't abuse me before you see the picture I am about to present to you." A few people in the stalls left the house; their example was followed by others in the dress-circle; but there was no more howling, no more hissing, no more noise.

THE JUDGE'S SECRET.

By ANDREW LORING,

Author of "Mr. Smith of England,"

CHAPTER LII. Not Man's Law, but God's Justice. ***************

Mordaunt, watching this man under the shadow of his brows, saw that a new trouble had come to him from the perusal of this line.
"You know-?" said Deverill after a pause.

Mordaunt nodded.

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"I feared it," said Deverill, "I thought so from your manner, when you first came forward with your kind offer to be one of my counsel,"

"I can be of little use to you in that capacity, as I told you," was the answer. "It was pressed upon me, rather. I did it for the sake of Sir Alnason Gascoyne."

The words were coldly uttered. However loyally Mordaunt might support the cause of the alleged murderer, he saw in the latter always a man guilty of even a blacker crime.

"I know all that you would say to me," said Deverill solembly; "I deserve it, every word. I think only of her, of her future, of the irrevocable step she may take under the influence of excitement. Mordaunt, as God is my Judge, I am content to take the punishment if it come, almost contented, if I can be sure that her secret is safe. Mordaunt was touched by this meals utterage."

What circumstances induced you to bring this note?"

Mordaunt was touched by this manly utterance.
"I did not do it willingly," he answered. "She was determined to see her husband. She promised not to, if I brought this line to you."

"Thank you for that. You must keep her away from him, whatever happens, until it is all over."

"Gertrude is by her side all the time. She watches her every action. She begs, implores, commands. We are not certain of her from one minute to the next. You have much to answer for, Mr, Deverill."

"I am trying to atone," was the sad answer.

"I alone am to blame. I loved her—I forgot everything. I forced her to return my feeling. On me should fall the entire penalty. I am prepared to take it without a murmur. I gather that Gertrude and you are prepared to keep silence through all the future?"

"I am—I think it best. I think it the kindest thing to the man whom you have wronged—for her I cannot answer."

"Your interests and mine are the same then, and you must help me."

"Tell her from me that you and I have discussed in a coldly legal way the effect of her confession to her husband, tell her that it would change nothing. I see in it only a mad impulse. She feels that she must act in some way. She has got beyond the point of considering whether her action will bring any result or not."

"You are right," answered Mordaunt. "I have told her in effect that it would only ruin her, and harm you."

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"Tell her again," cried the other eagerly. "Tell her that we've-been over everything, point by point—but, Mordaunt, don't you let yourself be led into saying what that 'everything' is. If she presses you, repeat the word again and again—nothing more."

This singular instruction, given with a passionate earnestness, Mordaunt impressed upon his mind, without pausing for the moment to try and think what it might mean.

"Tell her," continued the prisoner, in a tense, strained voice, "that the only thing I thought of to-day was her presence in court. Tell her it was the only thing that had power to weigh me down—tell her that I cannot do justice to myself to-morrow in the witness-box if she comes there."

"That will convince her—that will keep her away. Such an appeal from your lips will do it. But now, about yourself, you—"

"Wait, wait—that does not matter. Mordaunt, you and Miss Gascoyne owe nothing to me except emity. I do not appeal to you for my own sake, but for her future. I—"

"That is hardly an appeal to which you could expect Miss Gascoyne to respond, interrupted

Mordaunt with some bitterness. "She thinks only of her brother. She is doing her duty by him now with a strength of unselfishness such as few sisters would show. I cannot promise what she may do in the future. I do not know. Whatever happens to you, Deverill, she has only a sorry choice. I am sure, if you regain your freedom, that you are for ever out of Rosamond Gascoyne's life; but that cannot undo the peak, cannot make things as they were. Miss Gascoyne must choose between leaving her brother in his false happiness, believing himself always loved by one who has secretly betrayed him—or she must confront him with the truth, which will turn the world to ashes for him." "Your own words refute you," cried Deverill. "The second choice, is not to be entertained. I shall be abroad—or gone on the longer journey—I think it will be the latter. I see that everything goes against me—Well, Rosamond will atone for this one mistake of her life, the mistake into which I led her. I shall have paid the greatest penalty I can pay—no more is due. Mordaunt, when I was brought up in the court this morning and saw who was on the bench, I saw the hand of Providence. The injury which I have done I am about to expiate by the sentence which comes from him whom I have wronged. So be it, it is just."

Deverill's voice broke as he uttered these words, and for a minute he lost control of himself.

"For myself," said Mordaunt, gently, "I think you are right. I would willingly give a promise on my own behalf, but I cannot absolutely bind Miss Gascoyne. All I can say is that I shall us my influence with her."

"I cannot expect more," answered Deverill. "I am sure she will do as you wish. Now, Mordaunt, I want you, when all this is over, to tell Rosamond to look to the future, not to blame herself for the past, to remember that the thought that brightened my last hours was the thought that her future was safe."

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safe."
"I will tell her all this," answered Mordaunt,
"but only because you will have gone abroad, not
because the verdict has gone against you."
He was the barrister now, attempting to reassure

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"If you go into court," he continued, "in this frame of mind, I can assure you that we shall think twice before we allow you to go into the witness-box."

Deverill laughed wearily.
"You talk," he said, "as though these details

made any difference. I am no foolish fatalist, Mordannt, but the coincidence is too appalling."

"You have not talked like this before?"

"Oh, I admit that. I have not given up without a struggle: I had no though but that I should secure a triumphant acquital until I saw this morning what Judge was on the bench—then the evidence, too, you cannot escape from that."

"You knew most of the details before," said Mordaunt. "We all admitted that it led directly to your house."

"I had not seen it brought together," answered Deverill. "It astonished me, it overwhelmed me. It confirmed what I knew, when I saw who was to try me."

"Have you really concealed nothing?" pleaded

to try me."

"Have you really concealed nothing?" pleaded the barrister.

"Not a thing. I told the whole truth before the coroner's jury. I would have been perfectly willing to tell it again before the magistrates, if I had been allowed. I have given the solicitors every particular I could think of. I know nothing about the boots. As I said, I've not worn them for months—not since I followed the otter hounds in the early summer. I've not used the gun for a fornight—then I was fring all day long with both barrels. I know it was properly cleaned and put away."

Durfess,
away."

"What was the size of Clark's foot?" asked
Mordaunt abruptly.

"He's always worn my old boots," was the
answer, "and now I think of it, I had given him-

answer, "and now I think of it, I had given him this very pair."

"And yet," interrupted Mordaunt, sacrastically, as he made rapid notes, "you say that you had given us all particulars."

"I'd forgotten it," answered Deverill.
"They're propose hide, and knocked my feet all to pieces, being so stiff. I was haid up for a couple of days, and I remember now telling Clark I never wanted to see them again. But what possible difference can these trifles make? It's absurd to think of Clark."

"Is it so absurd? Do you say that after heav."

think of Clark."

"Is it so absurd? Do you say that after hearing the evidence to-day? I tell you it has lain between you and Clark from the first. I dared not say that it was he until now. Now, when you give me your personal assurance that you had nothing to do with it, directly or indirectly, I draw the obvious inference."

AT THE PANTOMIMES.

Boxing Day Audiences Make Merry at the Theatres.

REIGN OF "BLUE BELL."

The story of "The White Cat," the Drury Lane pantomime, will be found on page 10.

The glad pantomime season is now in full swing,

and the fun and frolic at dozens of metropolitan playhouses will carry us cheerfully through the remaining gloom of winter. Though at several theatres a start was made on Christmas Eve, Boxing Day saw the whole pantomimic array into line. There were inaugural matinées all over London There were inaugural matinées all over London and the suburbs. All the familiar nusery tales provide themes, and it may be noted, as illustrating up-to-date methods of adaptation; that two songs are sung practically everywhere—"Blue Bell," and "Good-bye, little girl, good-bye," With one or two exceptions the music-hall element predominated, and the adults, more than the children, were catered for. This is regrettable.

The dwarfs, giants, and boys with funny heads were absent, and the comic singer cracked his jokes and sang ditties which, in many cases, had been heard before at the music-halls.

At the Britannia.

The Britannia Theatre, which is Hoxton way, was packed with an enthusiastic audience from floor to ceiling, and the hearty laughter of the people young and old would have made the most dismal person feel light-hearted. It was contagious and irresistible.

irresistible.

The manager, Mr. Fred East, produced a new pantomime, entitled, "The Goblin of the Sea," which was written upon the old-fashioned lines. When the orchestra played the overture, composed of excepts from popular ballads, the entire audience sang the choruses of "Bine Bell," and "Good-bye," Miss Daisy James, the principal boy, looked well and sang well.

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Naturally the aliens were very strongly represented among the audience, and two clever Hebrews were among the cast.

The "Forty Thieves" drew a large audience to the Borough Theatre, Stratford, and it was difficult to imagine that there was so much poverty within a few hundred yards of the theatre-doors. Miss Claire Romaine and Mr. Nat Clifford were the main success of the show.

Inhabitants of North London, who were disappointed in the loss of their pantomime at the Croune End Opera House, through fire, were consided by Mr. Elliston in pantomime "Ainddin" at the Marthorough Theatre, Holloway. The principal im was provided the seenery, costumes, and dances were excellent.

Mr. George Davey's first pantomime at the Grand Theatre, Islington, is "The Babes in the Grand Theatre, Islington, is "The Babes in the Wood," in which Mr. George Mozart, a clever little

Scotch" is introduced. The vicissitudes of this penurious gentleman and the early appearance of brokers in the ancestral hala afford a scope for side-splitting incidents and situations, which follow one another in almost bewildering switness, until at last the prince claims his bride, and in unstituting style rescues the baron Irom his creditors and himself.

Miss fodwynne Earle fills the title-role, and proves herself a charming and dainty little heroine, as quickly winning her way into the hearts of everyone as she does that of Prince Alexis. As the handsome, dashing hero, Miss Winified Hare shares honours with the hard-up Baron, a part played by Mr. Neil Kenyon with excruciating funniness.

comedian, and Mr. Tom Craven, as the two wicked robbers, get in some very jump fooling, and Mr. Tom Payne does a very quiet, effective dance. Miss Julia Kent, who was the Marquis of Anglescy's leading lady, looked very charming as Robin Heod, and was well supported by Miss Ray Rosenthal, a stalwart Juneseque Little John, and Miss Margaret Wilson, who made a dainty Dolly Daydream.

"Blue Bell" and "Good-bye, little girl, goodbye" were the songs which predominated in all the pantomimes.

IMMORTAL "DICK."

The Shakespeare Theatre at Clapham Selects the Old English Civic Hero.

When the people's lyrics have been tested by critical music-hall audiences for a period of twelve months they are finally, if approved of, canonised by inclusion in the Christmas pantomimes, and-offered to suburban audiences as the "songs of the year."

This process has been performed with con-spicuous success in the case of "Dick Whitting-ton" at the Shakespeare Theatre, Clapham Junction.

Junction.

On the spectacular side the feature of the production is a Lord Mayor's Show on the stage, magnificently picturesque, if not historically correct. The Trades Guilds take part in the procession, escorting the City fathers in gay robes, and clean-limbed heraids perform fanfaces on the civic silver trumpets. Bill Bailey is unfortunately unable to be present in this scene.

"BILL BAILEY" REAPPEARS.

Hammersmith Children Rejoice in a Charming " Red Riding Hood."

Around Red Riding Hood Mr. J. B. Mulholland has built up a cheerful and brightly topical book for his third "King's" pantomime.

Pretty Miss Isa Bowman, as Boy Blue, made a dashing principal boy, while Miss Empsie Bow-man was altogether charming as Little Red Riding Hood.

Hood.

Much fun was contributed by Mr. Arthur Laceby, as the Baron, and Mr. Arthur Boyne, as the ubiquitous Mr. Bill Bailey. The kiddles, for whom the show is ostensibly designed, were vastly entertained by Mr. Jacques Morand's antics as the Dun Cow.

WINNING CINDERELLA.

Peals of Laughter Rule the Night at the Alexandra in Stoke Newington.

All the auguries of a successful season attended the opening of "Cinderella" at the Alexandra Theatre, in Stoke Newington. To aid Cinderella in her work her parent, the Baron MacTavish, of Harding-up Hall, and "real

topical songs bring in all the allusions anyone has a right to expect, and bracket "Mr. Bill Bailey" and Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, according to the liberties mimes take with public personages.

BRIGHT "BABES" AT MARYLEBONE.

Following the traditions of the old theatre in Church-street, Marylebone, Mr. William Bailey, jun., produced his merry pantomine with full harlequinade and gorgeous transformation scenes. The star company engaged include Miss Maude Nelson as "Robin Hood," and Miss Nita Clavering as "Maid Marion."

The Albert and Edmunds Comedy Troupe greatly delighted the audiences.

The youngest "principal girl" in this year's pantomimes. She is fifteen years old, and is playing Maid Marian in "The Babes in the Wood" at the Grand Theatre, islington.

BRIXTON'S BEST.

Brilliant Forerunners.

One of the best performances of "Aladdin"

MISS TOTS DAVIS.

"ALADDIN" SHINES AT EALING

Mr. Arthur Carlton's production of the time-onoured pantomime, "Aladdin," at Ealing

Mr. Arthur Carlton's production of the time-honoured pantomine, "Aladdin," at Ealing Theatre was a triumph. Miss Jennie Richards took the part of Aladdin and sang "Blue Bell" and her other songs charmingly. The performance and the scenery, especially that of the interior of the magic cave in the market-place at Pckin, were both excellent.

MUSIC HALL FARE.

A new musical sketch, "Her Chance," written by Mr. Rutland Barrington, was the chief novelty in the London Pavilion programme, which included Harry Lauder, Arthur Prince, and Dutch Daly. Mr. Joe Elvin produced an amusing sketch at the Paragon, entitled "The Brown Bear"; and Mr. John Lawson put on his new miniature domestic drama, "A Bride for a Living," at the Middlesex and Camberwell Music Halls.

Mr. Arthur Roberts continues to be the chief attraction at the Palace Theatre in a new sketch called "Jack," in which the versatile comedian assumes several disguises. The "Follies" are at the same house.

THROUGH THE "MIRROR."

WHAT IS A LADY?

Your readers are asking, "What is a lady?" The question should be, "What was a lady?" I am sure there are so few left, nowadays, that we must refer back to the last generation to find any examples.

M. HARRIES. Becston, Notts.

MISS CORELLI AND DICKENS.

What is there to object to in Miss Corelli making use of the same plot for one of her books as

What is been considered with the books of the books of Dickens?

No one objects to Shakespeare having done the same. Our leading woman novelist should be above criticism of this kind.

L. WARREN.

Portsdown-road, W. "Aladdin" Voted Inferior to None of Its

TOO MUCH BREAD AND TEA.

I have been much among the poor lately. I find they live on tea and white bread when they cannot at Brixton Theatre, which lias a reputation for first-class pantomime of many years' standing.

The scenery is splendid, as might be expected, seeing Mr. Walter Hann is in part responsible for it, and the costumes "rich and beautiful." The

get meat.

If only they would buy lentils or haricot beans and make soup, it would be just as cheap and far better for them.

Are food-values taught in schools? I wonder.

Oxford-terrace, Hyde Park.

M. H. E.

POLITICAL PANTOMIMES.

Mr. Bernard S. Watkins's letter on the political influence of pantomines is rather an exaggeration. Certainly the pantomines do contain political references, but nobody takes any notice of the sentiments expressed by a comedian.

The amateur "funny man has no conscience when he is bent on getting a laugh. I thought everyone knew that.

B. J. Thomas.

Osnaburgh-street, W.

ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS DAY. Can anyone of your readers tell me why December 25 is recognised as the birthday of Jesus?

Truro.

ALFRED PEARCE.

WHAT THE WORLD IS SAYING

Improved Piano Wanted.

The piano is a hideous thing always. Why doesn't some artist set to work and improve its shape?"—T.P.'s Weekly.

Plain Speaking.

The great Liberal Party is an obsolete shibboleth. It cannot be revived, in our day, at any rate.—Mr. Frederic Harrison, a life-long Liberal, in the "Portnightly Review."

Save Up For Ductor's Bills.

Those who are living up to a regular and annual income should make a point of setting aside a definite sum annually to meet the expense of possible illness.—Indian Medical Record.

No Chance for Debutantes.

The whole structure of the winter season, so far, has been built up on small dinners, and this to the debutante is a blow bitter to realise. The married women, indeed, have it much their own way.—Onlecker.

Are You Suffering?

After-holiday illness is usually to be traced to dinner-table dissipation. Its cure lies in abstinence rather than in medicine. Give the overworked digestive organs a complete rest, and the system will soon recover its balance.—Good Health.

DREARINESS OF XMAS IN LONDON.

By a Lonely World-Wanderer.

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During twenty years of wandering in all parts of the world I have spent many lonely Christmas Days in strange lands and great cities.

My first one away from home was passed on a sailing ship off Cape Horn in a terrific hurricane. I remember it clearly because of a fight I had with a fellow-apprentice who stole my plum duff while I was at the wheel.

Another Christmas Day which lingers in my memory was spent among the backwaters of the River Orinoco in South America. Out of twenty-four members of the exploring expedition mineteen had succumbed to the deadly climate, and the survivors were all weaks and ill, racked with fever and ague.

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I have spent other Christmas Days in the African Desert, in South Africa during the war, and in the frozen, snowbound 'regions of Alaska, but I have never felt so wretched as I did this year in this great city—dismal, dirty, foggy London.

The hotel I am staying in was deserted. The solitary waiter on duty seemed to resent my presence. I took a walk in the afternoon to see if I could meet any cheery, Christmas-looking people labout.

assumes several disguises. The "Folics" are at the same house.

At the Oxford Miss Louie Freear and Miss Vesta Tilley top the bill, which also contains the names of Bransby Williams, Gus Elen, Fanny Wentworth, and Tom Leamore.

The Tivoli also has Vesta Tilley and Louie Freear for the holidays.

The Alhambra Theatre relies upon the success of the picturesque ballet, "Entente Cordiale," and the wonderful bioscope pictures.

This evening "Butterflies in Fairyland" will be produced at the Hippodrome.

THE JUDGE'S SECRET. (Continued from page 10.)

"I tell you," said Deverill testily, "the idea's absurd. You know the man yourself—a muddling old chap, who did not know enough to go a foot out of his routine without instructions, and whose only merit was his faithfulness to me.

"I have seen the old chap draining the sherry glasses behind the screen."

'Undoubtedly, so have I. He nipped a little once in a while, and once in a great while you could see that he had had too much. But-"
"He was rather an excitable man. I don't know

that I have ever noticed it myself, but you have told me that he lost his wits when they were most

told me that he lost his wits when they were most particularly wanted—that he used to get flurried when anything unexpected happened."

"That's quite true," answered Deverill dubis own wife with this thing as I would him. A baby in arms couldn't be more harmless."

"A baby in arms," answered Mordaunt, "could not walk out of a house, nor hold up a gun. Now, assume this, Deverill—that a nervous old man hears all the row that you and poor Brasser made that night, that he sees you lose your temper—"Yes," interrupted Deverill. "It was petty near the first time he ever saw it, too. I had been through a lot, my nerves were unstrung. I've always been ashamed of the way I acted that Biglitt."

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"His sudden return, his overhearing manner, his yeiled expressions of suspicion, his abrupt demand for money—oh, it's no wonder it bewled you over for the time. Clark sees all this, here was a lot of drink about——"

"He was perfectly sober when I went to bed."

"In what condition were you to notice? What you mean is, that you didn't observe anything particularly outrageous."

"That's about it," assented Deverill.

"Very well, then. Assume that he is a little muddled, that he's keyed up to the highest pitch of excitement. I ask you, straight, Deverill, is not one of that weak-minded type just the man to be

Baron MacTavish, of Harding-up Hall, and "real thrown so entirely off his balance, that he becomes absolutely irresponsible for a time?"

"Yes," he might.
"There you are. On the top of it comes his disappearance. I tell you, man, the presumption, without the disappearance, is as strong against him as against you. His flight turns the scale."

Deverill shook his head.
"You forget," he said, "the great motive, which they are pleased to say I had."
"Balanced," answered Mordaunt promptly, "by your perfect candour, by the perfect frankness which you have shown, by the fearless way in which you have shown, by the fearless way in which you have looked the world in the face since. Balanced also by the temperament of Clark, his low for you, his weak, muddled brain, his dim recognition, from what he has overheard; that it is the resurrection of this man which has upset you—there is motive equal in strength to yours. I'll tell you another thing, Deverill. You have believed all along that Clark was the man."

"If I have," answered Deverill, with a deep sigh, "what of it? He did it for me. It is another life for which I am responsible. I think the poor old chap wandered away afterwards and drowned himself."

"Very likely. Your case now rests on two things. On your own demeanour in the witness-box to-morrow—"
"You are safe then," answered Mordaunt confidently; "for you carry conviction. You will convince the jury."

"You are safe then," answered Mordaunt confidently; "for you carry conviction. You will convince the Judge; his summing up will convince the jury."

"His summing up," repeated Deverill, in an awed voice. "Mr. Justice Gascoyne's summing up. Yes; I will abide by that. I know what that will be. He will do his duty, as he sees it. In so doing he will secure the conviction of an innocent man, who is yet more guilty than if innocent. Yes, that's it; that's right, Mordaunt. You have spoken the word—the Judge's summing up. I shall not flinch afterwards, when he puts the black cap on his head, and sentences me. Remember,

(To be continued.)

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YEAR BOOK

INCOME TAX RETURNS-HOW PROFITS ARE MADE.

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PANTOMIME DRESSES SEEN AT DRURY LANE LAST NIGHT.

White satin composes Prince Peerless's suit, lavishly embroidered with gold and decorated with pale blue ribbon. He also wears a lovely plumed hat and a blue satin cloak. Miss Macdonald is a charming vision all in white, save for the black cat's head that figures on her cloak.

lap and let him make his little sprawls there just as though he were swimming.

He will not have enjoyed the rug on the floor so very long before it will be seen that he is learning to get about in some sort of way. His efforts will probably be creeping motions, or it may be that he will begin to foll from place to place. Some babies have been known to move themselves about when in a sitting posture. In whatever way the child makes his progress really does not mater, for any of the movements will give him the exercise he needs, and that is the main point.

Some parents teach a child early to cling to a pencil or finger, and thus hang for a few seconds, but this can hardly be advocated as a general practice. A baby's joints are too easily dislocated, and his limbs stretch far too readily. Let baby be his own gymnastic instructor and he will thrive.

HOME-MADE BOXES.

Covering boxes with chintz and brocade is the Covering forces was clinic and produce is the fancy-work of the moment. These boxes make charming and useful gifts, and much ingenuity is displayed in them. They are very dainty, and hold everything—veils, gloves, ribbons, visiting cards, amateur photographs, and even manieure implements. Tarnished gold galon edges them prettily.

How the world would shine if it were human nature to remember every kindness and forget

lap and let him make his little sprawls there just

FASHIONS FOR CHILDREN.

SMART MILLINERY AND COMFORTABLE EVENING FROCKS.

Though beauty is by no means lost sight of when the wardrobe of the small maiden is being provided it is recognised in these days that beauty in child-hood is the outcome of health, comfort, and freedom. So the very best of the clothes now being shown for the small girl are comfortably full and pleasantly simple, but cut with grace and a clever onception of the best lines of the childish figure.

The Best Materials.

The Best Materials.

Soft fine Bannels are eminently suitable for the making of small children's frocks, and cashmere, so enthusiastically accepted now by older people, is being generally used for little folk. Then there are the wool delaines and the thicker serges and other very light-weight wools, while for dressy occasions there are white silks and those of dainty colourings, some powdered with tiny flowers. With all these and more to choose from, surely there is no need for our little maids to be inartistically or uncomfortably clad.

The blouse suits, the waists of which pouch but slightly, are comfortably full, and the skirts are gauged or pleated full into the band. The suspender dress, with its broad shoulder straps worn over a dainty white shirt, is a favourite among some mothers; while the saifor suit always has its votaries, both for boys and girls.

Dancing Frocks.

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The dancing season is here, with its demand for pretty frocks. These may be of any of the thin washing materials, of Swiss or Indian lawn, or of silk. The muslims are best trimmed with Valenciennes lace, the skirts quite simply tucked, and the bodice decorated with a deep berthe of the material or of lace.

With the colder winter weather the short jacket, which proved ample protections before, must be discarded for the long coat. The best of these fit easily with ample, though not over-large, sleeves. Capes of various sorts, or shoulder epaulettes, with braid and button ornaments, make them things of beauty as well, as comfort.

braid and button ornaments, make them things of beauty as well, as comfort. Fashion has not slighted the little maid in the matter of hats this winter. Nöthing could be more delightfully quaint than the poke bonnets, with their single ostrich tip dipping over the edge, or soft rosettes of ribbon and their strings at the sides. The strings should not on any account be forgotten, for they are the most artistic touch of all.

Ribbon Trimming for Hats.

Ribbon Trimming for Hats.

Ribbon is very much observed on the juvenile hats of this year in the form of rosettes, ruches, and soft, flat bows. And surely no more sensible or appropriate trimming could be found for children's headgear. Sorr, sury beavers look charming when trimmed with a generous band and bow of sating ribbon, while the flat and round sailors demand the full ribbon ruching.

Hair ribbons must not be forgotten whilst discussing the little girls headwear. Very wide ribbons are used to tie the presumably refractory lock on the forchead, sometimes as wide as five or six inches, and when the hat is on this soft knot shows becomingly beneath its brim.

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BABY AS A GYMNAST.

CHILDREN SHOULD ALWAYS BE SELF- BASKET CONVERTED INTO A PAPER-TAUGHT.

Tiny infants need exercise as much as other human beings do. They have a natural instinct for it. Watch even a very young baby as it lies in your lap with its clothing removed, and see how it will twist and turn and move its little arms and feet. Baby's tiny efforts at original gymnastics should be encouraged, and he should be given a special chance each day to stretch his small muscles. From the very first his long skirts and bandages shou do be loosened regularly and his body given full freedom for a while.

Put him on the bed and let him lie there and kick. Of course, the room must be warm, so that he will not feel the lack of his clothes. Five or ten minutes of this fun will do his body a world of good. When he is several months old he can be put down on a rug in warm weather, but this would not be advisable during the winter, for floors are places of draughts. To change the play of the baby's muscles a little lay him face downwards on your for it. Watch even a very young baby as it lies

A TRAVELLER'S ESCRITOIRE. CASE.

People who travel a great deal always have a place for everything and see that everything is in its place. But there often arises the question as

A MOTORIST'S DIARY.

NINE YEARS AGO HAD TO FIGHT CROWDS WITH AN UMBRELLA.

The motor-car has not been with us long, but the lot of the motorist is very different to-day to what it was in 1895. In the "Badminton Motor Volume" there is a diary of one of the first English motorists, a Mr. Koosen.

While travelling in Germany Mr. Koosen saw an advertisement of a motor-car and ordered one. It arrived in Portsmouth, and he then saw a car for

arrived in Foliamoun, and it.

"I had been told," says Mr. Koosen, "that to start the engine you had to turn the flywheel towards you, which I did till darkness overtook me. The only result was a pair of worn-out gloves."

He became more expert later.

Letter are some extracts from his diary:—

Here are some extracts from his diary:-

November 23.—Took train to Lee, and tried to make ur motor work; wouldn't. Came home at five. November 24.—Awfully cold; played with our motor— to result.

without results.

November 30.—Motor went with benzoline for first time; awfully pleased.

December 9.—Drove to Lee at ten; motor sparked at once and went well. After lanch started for home in motor-car, came round by Farcham; had lovely drive; police spotted us; awful crowd followed us at Cosham, had to heat them off with unbrella.

December 10.—Policeman called at 1.30, took our names re driving through Fareham without red flag ahead.

ahead.

December 16.—Took train to Fareham; met Hobbs solicitor), and proceeded to Court House; fishty place; Hobbs spoke up well for motors. Silly old magistrate fined us 1s, and costs, 1s, 7d.

December 27.—Frightened an unattended horse attached to-a milk-cart, which bolted and sent the milk-cans thying in all directions.

January 4, 1896.—Lost nut off air valve; pushed home.

January 6.—Stuck again.

January 14.—Motor got stuck; made noises; sent her to Penning's.

Shoved into a stable close by.

April 22.—Did thirty miles for first time in three and a half hours.

MEALS A LA JAPONAISE.

A "Reformed Fooder" Tells What He Lives Upon.

There has been much discussion of late about Japanese diet, which is much lighter than European and yet enables the Japanese to work hard and keep in health.

A number of people in this country have adopted a modification of it, and find it suits them very well. Here is the diet-table of one such advocate of "reformed food":—

of "reformed food";—
Wholemeal bread (negre white),
Cheese, macaroni, and the allied foods.
Crain (grape nuts, shredded wheat, wheatfiakes, but
not oatmeal, which I cannot digest).
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Patience and perseverance, adds this "reformed fooder," are quite as necessary as any of the above.

CODFISH BALLS.

There is also a small leather box in which the ink can be safely kept from spreading itself over everything, as is very often the case.

This little basket should be placed in the most convenient position in the trunk, so that the traveller will be always sure of finding everything ready for use when it is needed.

Wash the fish in cold water and pick it up is very fine shreds. There should be one cup of fish. Then wash, pare, and cut potatoes in small pieces before measuring them, and when measured there should be two and a half cupsful. Cook the fish and potatoes in boiling water to coverthem until the potatoes are tender, then drain them through a colander. Now return them to the stewpan in which they were cooked, and mash them thoroughly, being sure the potatoes are smooth. Next add threequarters of a tablespoonful of butter, one egg well batten, and one-eighth of a teaspoonful of white pepper, and beat these ingredients until they are thoroughly mixed, adding sait to taste if necessary. Shape the result into balls with two tablespoons, and place them in a frying-pan; then fry them till they are a delicate brown in hot, deep fat.

Though the love of money is said to be the root of all evil, it does not follow that the lack of it is the root of all good.

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BANK HOLIDAY'S FOOTBALL CARNIVAL.

Woolwich Arsenal Beaten at Birmingham Sheffield United's Great Victory-'Spurs Draw at Southampton-Reading Lose at Plymouth.

GREAT CROWDS AT ALL THE IMPORTANT CENTRES.

Although in some few instances fog interfered with the pleasure of spectators, there was nothing to step forball, and the long holiday programme was run through without by a few and through and the long holiday programme was run through without by a few and the street was a miningham to see Woolwich Arasan play three that and the game was a plecular street with the screen rather exaggerates their superiority. Middlesbrough were beaten at home be Small Heath, and are now well behind, but bury gained two ranged are now well behind, but bury gained two ranged and the screen will be street and the screen and the scree

centre forward.

Portsmouth gained an easy victory over West Ham, and thus atoned for their defeat on Saiurday at West Ham in the Western League. Luton casily vanquised Northampton after a rather foul game, and Wellingborough drew with Watford.

In the Western League, Brentford, playing much the hetter game, defeated Milwall. Plymouth Argyle routed Reading in "West Countree," and Rutham had the satisfaction of defeating Queen's Park Rangers.

Another fine list of fixtures is set for decision to-day.

CITIZEN.

ASSOCIATION.

THE LEAGUE .- Division I

ASTON VILLA, 3; WOOLWICH ARSENAL, 1. ASTON VILLA, 3: WOOLWICH ARSENAI, I. At Aston, in cold weather, before 40,000 spectators. The Villa were without Spencer, Miles, and Lockett. The home side started strongly, and after Hampton had, been badly fouled by Gray, Leake scored. After a sharp attack Satterthwaite equalised, but hefore half-time the Birmingham men scored again, through Hamptol the play was very fast and exciting. After the instructed in turn. Fine concerted play resulted in Hall scoring for the Villa, who made many fierce attacks. The Arsenal were frequently dangerous when they got away. There was no more scoring, and the Villa won a great game by 3 to 1.

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SHEFFIELD UNITED, 5; STOKE, 2.

Fog hung over the Branall-lane ground at Sheffield, ut the officials declared it fit to start the game. Ten housand spectators were present. The United were inhout Johnson, Willie Wilkinson playing at right hair, The United attacked smartly, and after eight minutes from stored. W. Wilkinson shot a second goal. Brown eaded, a third from Lipsham's centre. Lang-hot a brained a fifth goal for the United, and at the interval heffield United led by 5 to 1.

Sheffield put the ball through again from a corner, but the point was disallowed. Stoke, playing up near the point was disallowed. Stoke, playing up near the 10 to 10 to

WOLVERHAMPTON W., 0; EVERTON, 3

Pretty forward pay by Levend amost fed to the open goal.

The Wanderer played a poor game, and Baddeley was given plenty of hard work in goal. At half-time nothing sire plenty of hard work in goal. At half-time nothing in the second half Everton opened strongly, and McLoughlin getting in a heavy drive from a short range ecored in the corner of the goal. Everton outdassed. The Wanderers improved slightly eventually, but Everton always had their measure. Settle, owing to muddling by the home back, scored the second goal. The wanderers improved the second goal to the second goal to be a set of the second goal.

NOTTS FOREST, 2; SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY, 1

The Forest kicked-off, and play ruled fast and ex-liting. Simpson scored for the visitors after twenty initutes. Shearman equalised, and at half-time the bores were: Forest, 1; Sheffield, 1. Lessons put the Forest ahead three minutes after

Lessons particular to the Sheffield goal, saved several dangerous control of the Sheffield goal, saved several dangerous of the Sheffield goal, Morris and Nible both goaling very close. The Forest showed improved form, and well deserved their victory by 2 to 1.

MIDDLESBROUGH, 0; SMALL HEATH, 1.
At Middlesbrough, before 20,000 spectators. The
ground was frostbound, with a slippery surface. The
visitors played bickoberts and Howard for Advantage
Small Heath played is gallant style throughout the
opening half, and were much the superior side, especially
forward. But it was not until a minute from the interval

visitors won by a goal to 0.

BURY, 2; DERBY COUNTY, 0.

At Bury, before about 9,000 spectators. Slater substituted Mullineux, injured, on the Bury side, and Radcilife replaced Richards for the visitors. Owing to fog an early start was made. Bury were first to be did not be supported to the start of the

BLACKBURN ROVERS, 2; SUNDERLAND, 1.

PRESTON N. END, 0; MANCHESTER CITY, I. This match at Deepdale, Presson, brought together a "" is a second of the presson, brought together a second of the presson, brought playing the men, Presson had the best of matters. Brown returned to, the field, and soon afterwards breaking in. The play was fast, Presson predominating. Frost retired injured, but returned before the interval, which arrived with nothing scored.

The City played aggressively, and scored after ten minutes' play through Translull. Presson strove hard to score, and Hillman had to save some dangerous shots, holly contested throughout.

North End, though persistently attacking, met a stalwart defence, and could not equalise, and Manchester City won by a goal to nil. PRESTON N. END, 0; MANCHESTER CITY, 1.

LINCOLN CITY, 0; BOLTON WANDERERS, 2.

Direct as Lincoln in fine weather before about seven them and spectators.
Lincoln had the best of the exchanges in the first half, but did not succeed in getting through. Bolton im-proved in the second half, and White opened the scoring. Marsh added a second goal, and Bolton won by 2 to 0.

LIVERPOOL, 2; BARNSLEY, 1.

This match was played at Anfield, Liverpool, in fine weather, before 20,000 people. Even play characterised the opening stages, both ends being visited. After many fruitless attacks by Liverpool, Robinson scored for them, and at the interval Liverpool lead by 1

scored for them, and at the interval naverpoor reachy to 0.

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MANCHISTER UNITED, 3; CHESTERFIELD, 0. Played at Manchester in loggy weather, before 20,000 spectators. Manchester had Schofeld away, and Chesterfield were without Mundel but of the first half, and The United had sevel Allan scored twice for them. Fifteen minutes after the interval Williams scored a third goal. After this play went all in favour of the United, but the Chesterfield defence with chester United by 3 goals to 0.

Burton United, 0; Blackpool, 0. Gainsborough Trinity, 2; Doncaster R., 0. Burnley, 1; Grimsby, 0. Leicester Fosse, 0; Glossop, 2.

SOUTHAMPTON, 1; TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR, 1

WELLINGBOROUGH, 1; WATFORD, 1.

PORTSMOUTH, 4; WEST HAM, 1.
At Fratton Park, Portsmouth, before 13,000 spectators,
The weather was fine but cold. Both teams were practically at full strength. In the first half Portsmouth had
the best of the play, Cunlife and Portcous scoring,
West Ham played up resolutely, but met a strong defence in the second half. W. Smith and Bowman scored

for Portsmouth. Just before time Blackwood headed through for West Ham from a corner, and Portsmouth won by 4 to 1.

LUTON, 4; NORTHAMPTON, 2.

At Luton, on heavy ground, before four thousand spectators. For Luton, Pritchard took R. Hawkes's place, and R. Hawkes took Koas's place and R. Hawkes stook Koas's place and R. Hawkes scored twice for Luton from penalties in the first half, and Chapman shot a goal for Northampton, also from a penalty.

R. Hawkes scored twice for Luton from penalties in the first half, and Chapman shot a goal for Northampton, also from a penalty and compared to the penalties and the penalties were very numerous in the game, which was holly contacted, and Luton won by 4 goal to 2.

SWINDON, 1; NEW BROMPTON, 2.
About four thousand watched a grandly fought first half, in which honours and goals were properly divided, Morris, for New Brompton, and Lean, for Swindon, scoring. The ball in both instances was helped through Leigh cleverly increased New Lompton's score early in the second half. Swindon exerted considerable pressure towards the close. The visiting defence was, however, superb, and New Brompton won on their merits by 2 to 1.

WESTERN LEAGUE.

BRENTFORD, 2; MILLWALL, 0.

Played at Brentford, in dull, cold weather, before some 6,000 holiday-makers. The ground was heavy, but a fas and interesting game was witnessed. Showing superior combination, brentford had the better of the exchange in the opening half, but could only sector conce, Olive getting through with a stinging shot after twenty minutes. After the interval Brentford had after twenty minutes. After the interval Brentford had off for them. Mill gand failed to reply, and were beaten by 2 to 0.

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE, 4; READING, 0.

FULHAM, 3: QUEEN'S PAIK RANGERS, 6.
Played at Fulham, in longuy weather, before 12,000
spectators. The Rangers had Skilton and Lloyd-Evans
playing. Fulham were at full strength. Fulham played
and skiltul in attack.
Wardrope and Lennie were very good, the former
scoring two goals.
The game was fast after the interval, but Fulham were
always the better side. Graham scored two more goals,
and Fulham won by 4 to 0.

OTHER MATCHES.

CLAPTON, 2; OLD MALVERNIANS,

Played at Upton, in dull weather, before 3,000 spectators. S. H. Day and the Fosters could not help the had the best of the exchanges in the first half. Clapton rashed one goal.

Ten minutes after 'esuming R. Corbett equalised, but P. H. Farnfield obtained a splendid goal for Clapton, who won a hand match by 2 to 1.

ILFORD, 1; BISHOP AUCKLAND, 2.

Authord, in dull weather on heavy ground. There were about 2,000 spectators.

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BRIGHTON AND HOVE ALBION, 9; ATH-LETIQUE PARISIEM, 1.

In dull weather, before between 2,000 and 3,000 specta-tors. Brighton played a full team, and quite outclassed the visitors, and won by 9 to 1.

CASUALS, 2; LONDON CALEDONIANS, 0.
At Tufnell, Park, Owing to mist only two "forties" were played. The Casuals had all the play in the first half, and rinlay scored twice for them ia ten minutes. Nothing was stored in the second half, and the Casuals wou by 2 to 0.

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ARISTOL ROVERS, 5; BRISTOL CITY, 2.

At Bristol, in splendid weather, before 10,000 spectators. The City played eight reserves, and the Rovers three. Corbett second the first goal for the City, but Wilson and Lewis replied, and the Rovers led by 2 to 1 at the interval.

at the interval.

Darke equalised soon after the change of ends, but
the Royers lasted better than the City, and in the closing
stages Lewis (twice) and Beats (once) scored for them.
Bristol Royers thus won by 5 to 2.

WYCOMBE WANDERERS, 5; MARLOW, 1.

These old rivals met at Wycombe yesterday before a large holiday crowd. Neither team was at full strength, but a very entertaining game ensued, and Wycombe wen by 5 to L.

RUGBY.

DEVONPORT ALBION, 28pts.; BELFAST
Played at Devonport, before 8,000 spectators. The
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CARDIFF, 27pts.; BARBARIANS,

Milton fielded from ms own acts and scored. Hearson converted, for Biggs and Gale scored, Gibbs converting grandly. Afterwards Biggs dropped a penalty goal, and Williams and Gunstone added tries. The Barbarians were outclassed and beaten by \$ goals (one penalty to 1 goal.

LLANELLY, 33pts.; HARTLEPOOL, 0.
At Llanelly. The home team were in brilliant form, and completely outplayed their opponents. In the first half tries were scored by Davies, Walters, Stacey, and Auckland, and in the second half by Davies, Stacey,

Auckland, Watkins, and Downing. Llanelly won by 3 goals and 6 tries to 0.

LEICESTER, 6pts.; EDINBURGH HIGH
SCHOOL, 6pts.
At Leicester, before a good attendance, the ground
being in fairly good order, though slippery in places.
In the first half Braithwaite got over the line for
Leicester for an unimproved try, and Russell tanded a
goal from a penalty.
In the second half Sanderson scored two unimproved
tries for the School, the result being a draw of 6 points
each.

EDINBURGH ACADEMICALS, 3 pts.; LONDON SCOTTISH, 3 pts.

At Edinburgh. The Academicals opened strongly, and scored through Anderson. They led at the interval by

CHELTENHAM, 5 pts.; PENARTH, 8 pts. Owing to the holidays Cheltenham were short of five of the control of the c

SWANSEA, 27 pts.; JEDBOROUGH FOREST, 0.
At Swansen, before 15,000 spectators, in fine weather.
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BRISTOL, 10pts.; PONTYPRIDD, 0.

At Bristol. The home side were rather weakly represented, but after the opening ten minutes proved
superior. In the first half J. Spoots and Douglas-Brown
scored unconverted tries, and just towards the end
Shewring dropped a goal from a mark. It was an interesting game, and some fair passing was shown on
both sides.

GLOUCESTER, 27pts.; OLD MERCHANT T.

EXETER, 19 pts.; TREORCHY, 0.

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Four thousand spectators winnessed a rather scrambling game in fine weather at Exeter

played well at full-back for Treorthy, but the Welsh team was overweighted by Exeter's pack, which played

attong game, and Exeter won by 2 gools 3 tries to

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

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THE LEAGUE.—Division I.
Derby County V. Everton.
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Division II.

Leicester Fosse v. Bolton W. | Glossop v. Bristol City.

Lincoln City v. Burton U. | Bradford C. v. Grimsby T.

Tottenham H. v. Portsmouth West Ham U. v. Brighton A. Northampton v. Wellingbigh

WESTERN LEAGUE.

Bristol R. v. Southampton. Queen's P.R. v. Brentford.
Millwall v. Fulham.

WAISALI, CUP—Semi-Final,
Walsall, CUP—Semi-Final,
Wolverham:ton Wanderer v. West Bromwich Albion,
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Lerionations v. Bishop Anox,
Aston Villa v. Coriethina,
Scarbough v. Cassalis,
Reading v. Swindon,
Plymouth A. v. Green Waves

CRICKET IN AUSTRALIA.

MELEGUERE, Monday.—In the second day's play in the match between New South Wales and Victoria the latter team concluded their first innings for Bis. New South Wales had scored by for three wickets in their second innings when strongs were drawn for the day.—Reture.

BOXING DAY ATHLETICS.

The South Lynnion Harriers held their walking handicap yesterday from South Goydon to Godstone and back
of sixten and a half miles. F. H.
Hooper (22min, start) was first, his handicap time being
ghr, 50min, 38cc, and his net time 3r. Trimin 28scc,
E. Knott, ex-holder of the London to Brightan and
walked well from terarch, and finished second in 2br.
At New Malden yesterday the Malden Harriers' eight
miles handleap was won, from scratch, by the South
of Thames Junior Crops of 62min, 46scc. His brother,
E. H. Montange (with holds the half-mile championship
of Surrey), was second, with 7min, start, beaten by barely
200 yards.

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Herne Hill Harriers' to miles invitation walking hardieap, starting from the Grown Hetel, Chilshburgh, and the Grown Hetel, Chilshburgh, and the Grown Hetel, Chilshburgh, and the Grown Gratch, in the Startin Was second.

Forty-seven competitors started for a trenty-mile matter walking creat at Manchester yesterday. Basil matter walking creat at Manchester yesterday. Basil the Grystal Palace, won in Shr. 2min. 13sec.

HOLIDAY SPORT AT KEMPTON PARK.

Thick Fog Mars the Entertainment -Stephanas Wins the Xmas Hurdle Race.

SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

It was a pity that the fog still hung about the Thames Valley yesterday, and the gloom, much thicker at Kempton Park than in town, spoiled the

Thames Valley yesterday, and the gloom, much thicker at Kempton Park than in town, spoiled the working out of an excellent programme. Little of the racing could be seen, and the later items on the card afforded only a passing glimpse of the horses opposite the stands.

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The executive prepared themselves against frost. The course had been covered for the greater part of the circuit, but nothing could be done to make the light better. Holiday folk crowded the cheap rings, and there were many thousands enjoying the game at the most interesting points at the start, the chief jumps, and the rails by the winning-post.

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After the race Frank Hartigan, the rider of Philsmead; lodged a complaint against Palmer, jockey of Revera, for foul riding, and the stewards, Mr. Locké and Mr. Fetherstonhaugh, on hearing the evidence of the jockeys, cautioned Palmer as to his future riding.

Prince Tuscan easily beat his two opponents in the Hampton Steeplechase, and the Christmas Hurdle went to a cast-off from Richard Marsh's stable in Stephanas, who beat Lord Brand for speed in the run-in. Before the race the stewards decided that Harffield, who was reinstated as winner of the Sandown Race, had incurred no penalty, and he consequently carried twelve stone.

Hartfield finished third, but ran in wrong colours. Devilet was a good favourite for the Hounslow Steeplechase, but practically broke down, and Orpington, claimed from Mr. Wilkinson at the last meeting, won in a canter and was bought in for 200 guineas. Wiederschen slipped up on the flat in making the first—and very awkward—turn. After a good race Commondale defeated Clarkson in the Park Steeplechase, and Tried by Night won the Richmond Hurdle, which was remarkable that not an incident from start to finish could be seen.

SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

KEMPTON PARK

**REMPTON FARK.

-Waterloo Steeplechase=ORPINGTON.
-Twickenham Hurdle-LAVENGRO.
-Sunbury Steeplechase=STRATEGY.
-Kew Hurdle-ROUGHAM.
-Kempton Steeplechase-LAWRENCE.
-Mortlake Hurdle-ALEXANDER M.

SPECIAL SELECTION. STRATEGY. GREY FRIARS.

RACING RETURNS.

KEMPTON PARK.—MONDAY.

1.0.—CHISWICK SELLING HURBLE RACE PLATE of 100 sun; winner to be sold for 50 says. Two sules. See 150 sun; with such as the sules. See 150 sules. Se KEMPTON PARK .- MONDAY

belween second and third.

2.0,—CHRISTMAS HUEDLE HANDICAP of 200 sovs.
Two miles.
Mr. H. Heanman's STEPHANAS, by Sk. Self-Lucky
Ludy, 4778, 104t 210.
Mr. J. F. Applepard's LORD BRAND, 577, 104 210.
Mr. A. Stefallis HARTFIELD, 4772, 124t ...J. Phillips 5
Mr. J. B. Joel He In Lordship, 5772, 124t 410.
Mr. J. B. Scawlord's Captain Kettle, aged, 114t 410.
Mr. J. S. Crawlord's Captain Kettle, aged, 114t 410.
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Mr. J. M. Kern's Hopeless II., 4yrs, 10st 8lb .. A. Birch CMr. H. E. Randall's Begone, 4yrs, 10st 3lb

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WINNERS AND PRICES AT WOLVERHAMPTON.

Race.	Winner.	Jockev.	
Thorneycroft (4)	Villikins		
Stavers' (7)	Eahlswith		4 10-
Shifnal (7)	Magie Box	. J. Woodman	8 to
Wolverhampt'n (5)	Reclamation	. A. Newey	4 to
Boxing Day (13)	Funchal	. T. Bissill	8 to
Dunstall (7)	Half Holiday	G. F. Wilson	6.to
. (The figures in par	centheses indicate t	he number of start	ers.)

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

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	1.0-WATERLOO SELLING STEEPLECHASE of 100 miles. Winner to be sold for 50 soys. Two
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	1.30-TWICKENHAM MAIDEN (at entry) HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. Two miles, over eight burdles yrs at 1b Happy Match 5 11 7 a Begone 4 11 2
	a Lavengro 5 11 7 Lady Blair 4 11 1 Happy Blave 5 11 7 Garland Day 4 11 Duck Hawk 5 11 7 a Blue Vinny 3 10 7 Liza Johnson 4 11 2 a fifting 3 10 7 Liza Johnson
	Debutante
	Clwyd II
	-Briar Patch. Racing World-Blue Vinny or Liza John son.

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2.30 KEW SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100, sovs; winner to be sold for 50 sovs. Two

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Golden Apple a 11 7	Love Potion	3 10	7
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Grand Deacon			
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mile and a half, over six h	urdles.	
st lb		st 1b
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Lamos 12 8	Adelia	11. 3
Elfira 11 10	Kibrit	11 2
a Drumnigh 11 19	Clermont	11 2
Cambo 11 10	Placeman	11 2
a Alexander M 11 9	Donorina	11 1
a Chlora 11 8	Portman	11 0
Brown Eyes 11 7	a Brother Green	11 0
Hackenschmidt 11 6	a Queen's Scholar	10 13
Slapton 11 5	Fly by Night II	10 12
Accroc 11 4	Pewter -	.10 12
Love Potion 11 4	Hygroscope	10 10
Medina 11 4		

PAPER SELECTIONS.—Jockey—Hackenschmidt. Race horse—Alexander M. Racing World—Bridle Road or Lamos

LATEST SCRATCHINGS.

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